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Build-up of allied troops gathers pace as satellites fail to detect promised Iraqi withdrawal

Britain sends Marines to Gulf

BY MICHAEL EVANS IN LONDON, JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

BRITAIN announced last night that it would send 800 troops as part of its contribution to a coalition deterrent force against the Iraqi build-up close to the Kuwaiti border.

The announcement came as American satellites detected a third division of Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard on the move south.

President Clinton continued his rapid deployment of US forces to the Gulf despite an Iraqi government announcement that it would pull back the troops massing near the border.

Of the British troops, 650 will be Royal Marines, based in Arbroath in Tayside as the current "Spearhead battalion" on short notice to leave for anywhere in the world. They will be equipped with a battery of six 105mm light guns from 29 Commando.

The British reinforcements will also include an air-defence troop armed with Javelin missiles from 3 Commando Brigade, a workshop detachment, signallers and logistics units, giving a total of about 800 men. A second warship, *HMS Cardiff*, a Type 42 destroyer, is moving to the Gulf from the Indian Ocean, and six more Tornado GR1 ground-attack aircraft are flying to Saudia Arabia from RAF Brüggen in Germany to join the six already there.

In a statement, Downing Street said the troops would be sent to help Kuwait within 24 hours unless Iraqi forces withdrew from the border. John Major had discussed the robust response in telephone talks with Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary.

Last night Mr Rifkind said that despite the statement by Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's UN Ambassador, on a withdrawal, it was action, not words, that would dictate how the coalition reacted. It was Britain's duty to help to defend the integrity and security of Kuwait.

A White House official acknowledged that the undertaking delivered at the United Nations by Mr Hamdoon was a good sign, but he said Mr Clinton was waiting to see what actually happened on the ground.

No indication of a military withdrawal had been detected by satellites and eavesdropping of Iraqi military radio channels at the time of the envoy's announcement.

As a result, the swift and massive air, sea and land build-up that would bring US forces to nearly 60,000 in Kuwait and neighbouring areas, proceeded at full speed. "Nothing is on hold," said the White House official. Even if Saddam did pull out, his sudden enlargement of threatening forces had raised questions about what would be acceptable Iraqi behaviour in future, he added.

Mr Clinton and his senior advisers were discussing the possibility of launching pre-emptive air strikes with a follow-up by ground forces against the estimated 80,000 Iraqi troops either in or on their way to the Basra area. When William Perry, US Secretary of Defence, was asked about the Americans striking first, he said: "I would not rule it in or rule it out." The Royal Marines' 45 Commando, which was sent to Kuwait in 1961 when Iraq was again threatening the emirate, is expected to fly out later today to take up position in Kuwait City. *HMS Cardiff*, which is armed with Sea Dart anti-aircraft missiles and a Lynx helicopter with Sea Skua missiles, was on exercise when redeployed to the Gulf.

Military sources said yesterday that Iraq had about 300 capable combat aircraft, which could pose a threat to the American and British warships. Although most of them were old MiG23s, there were still a number of French Mirages and Russian MiG29s.

Joining Mr Clinton in his deliberations at the White House were Vice-President Gore, General John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Anthony Lake, National Security Adviser, Madeleine Albright, US Ambassador to the UN, and Mr Perry.

Mr Clinton made calls to Mr Major and Presidents Yeltsin of Russia, Mitterrand of France and Mubarak of Egypt. He also spoke to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, where many of the US war planes are based, and secured his promise to be "very supportive of US actions", an Administration official said.

The White House claimed that Arab countries were generally in favour of the US position, but recruiting them to join another military coalition on the basis of Saddam's menacing troop movements was considered unlikely.

Mr Perry called his counterparts at defence ministries in London, Moscow and Paris to try to extract promises of military forces and equipment in readiness for a possible renewal of the Gulf War coalition. Russia and France wanted to discuss a possible easing of UN sanctions on Iraqi oil sales, but agreed that invading Kuwait was a line in the sand that could not be crossed with impunity.

Mr Hamdoon announced the intended Iraqi retreat in a telephone call to Sir David Hannay, Britain's UN envoy and the current President of the Security Council.

"I did talk with Sir David Hannay this morning and told him that the Iraqi government has decided to move these troops from the Basra area to another area," he said, adding that they would be redeployed "in the north".

"We reserve the right to move them any time in the future to wherever we want within Iraqi territory," he went on. "But given the concerns we have seen in the Security Council, we have decided to take that move. What we want is to get the attention focused on the lifting of the sanctions that have been biting the Iraqi people for some time."

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PETER DEJONG/AP



A unit of the first 300 American combat troops to arrive in Kuwait disembarks yesterday. One of their officers told local television that his men were "ready to kick tail"

Yard says London riot was planned

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

HARD-LEFT activists deliberately planned confrontation with police during the Criminal Justice Bill demonstration in London on Sunday, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

As the first of 48 people arrested in clashes around Hyde Park, Park Lane and Oxford Street appeared in court, police issued copies of a leaflet from Class War, an extremist fringe group, advocating violence.

However, the organisers of the demonstration called for an inquiry into policing. At a press conference Jeremy Corbyn, Labour MP for Islington North, blamed police incompetence for the way in which the demonstration erupted into violence. Weyman Bennett, the chief steward, said the trouble was caused by the presence of so many riot police in the area. But Paul May, a senior steward, admitted that some demonstrators were intent on causing trouble.

In reply, senior officers blamed a hard core of 2,000

CLASS WAR

Logo from the leaflet giving advice on rioting

anarchists and far-left activists. Tony Speed, Assistant Commissioner in charge of central London, said: "Peaceful demonstrators do not come to marches armed with CS gas, sharpened staves and house bricks."

The Yard said the Class War leaflet will be studied by detectives. The leaflet advised demonstrators to ignore Downing Street, which had been the scene of disorder at a similar demonstration in the summer, because it would be well-guarded. Instead it suggested: "We should pick our own pitch for the battle".

Demonstrators were advised to keep "masked up". It added: "When throwing — throw well. Don't stand so far back that you are unable to hit your target and your brick ends up cracking the back of someone's head. If you see someone else getting arrested, then try and wrestle them back into the crowd."

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Cédras: paving way for return of Aristide

Junta leader to quit Haiti

Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras, the leader of Haiti's military junta, announced his resignation yesterday, paving the way for the return of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the ousted President.

American troops fired shots into the air to disperse thousands of Aristide supporters who stoned the outgoing leader's vehicle. General Cédras, who said he would leave Haiti, also accepted the resignation of Brigadier-General Philippe Biamby, the army chief of staff, before handing over to his second-in-command, Major-General Jean-Claude Duperval. The United States embassy welcomed the resignation.....Page 12

DTI buries the Blue Arrow affair

The Department of Trade and Industry has abandoned its campaign to have Tony Berry, former chairman and chief executive of Blue Arrow, disqualified as a company director, effectively burying the Blue Arrow affair.....Page 25

'Heartbroken' Thatcher denies arms deal claims

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, NICHOLAS WOOD AND ANDREW PIERCE

BARONESS Thatcher broke her silence last night over claims that her son Mark made £12 million from a British-Saudi arms deal as allegations of Conservative sleaze threatened to overshadow the opening of the party conference today.

The former Prime Minister, who is said to be heartbroken, arrives in Bournemouth today for a brief visit after saying last night that she was "absolutely satisfied" that the £20 billion al-Yamamah contract was properly negotiated. "She is proud that after a great deal of hard work by ministers and officials, it brought thousands of jobs and billions of pounds of exports to this country," her office said.

Close friends said, however, that she was mortified that for the second year in succession her presence at the conference would take attention away from John Major's fightback against dismal poll standings and a resurgent Labour Party. One associate said: "She is totally heartbroken." Another aide said: "She feels any attack on any member of her family very deeply."

The affair took a new twist last night when Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative chairman, said that anyone with allegations about the matter should take them to the proper authorities and later appeared to accept that Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, could be the appropriate person to conduct any inquiry.

Last year in Blackpool the premature publication of Lady Thatcher's memoirs dominated events. But last night, as Mr Major delivered a morale-boosting address to party agents, calling on activists to "lay into" Labour policies, the media spotlight was once again trained on his predecessor and the allegations against her son.

In an attacking speech the Prime Minister said that the Tories must not allow the country to be "Labour's laboratory experiment". Labour, he added, was offering "pap, not substance".

Lady Thatcher issued her two-sentence statement — which did not refer to her son — to pre-empt press questions when she attends the conference this morning to listen to the local government debate and the speech by Mr Hanley. She will fly to Texas tomorrow to see her son and his family.

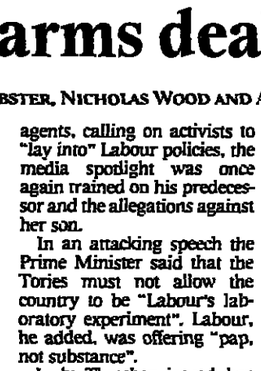
The Mark Thatcher affair was dominating the thinking of party chiefs last night. Although there was no formal meeting of ministers to discuss it, talks were expected between Mr Hanley and the two ministers most closely involved, Michael Heseltine and Malcolm Rifkind. Mr Major may also become involved. Mr Major refused to comment on the issue as he arrived in Bournemouth. He said only: "Lady Thatcher has made a statement. I have nothing to add to it."

Labour has called on Mr Heseltine to set up an investigation into allegations in *The Sunday Times* that Mr Thatcher helped to broker the £20 billion al-Yamamah deal. According to the paper, Mr Thatcher was part of a team of middle men who earned between them £240 million in commission. He is said to have received a commission of £12 million. Mr Thatcher has denied the allegations, but agreed that he would be reluctant to return to Britain to face an inquiry.

The arms deal was the subject of a three-year investigation by the National Audit Office, a government watchdog. However, a key parliamentary committee is said to have vetoed the release of the report in 1992 on national security grounds.

Robert Sheldon, Labour chairman of the Commons Public Accounts Committee, confirmed that a report of an official investigation was shown to only two members of the committee. The report, drawn up by the audit office after a three-year investigation into the arms deal, was seen only by Mr Sheldon and the senior Tory MP, Sir Michael Shaw. The investigation fo-

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Cult leader Di Mambro died in fire say police

FROM BILL FROST IN GENEVA

SWISS police confirmed last night that one of the leaders of the Order of the Solar Temple *died with his followers in last* week's mass executions.

Joseph Di Mambro, a 70-year-old French Canadian, was among four victims formally identified after a lengthy autopsy carried out by *pathologists in Lausanne. In* all, autopsies on 10 of those who died at Les Granges were completed yesterday

In a statement Jean-Pascal *Jaquemet, one of the examin*ing magistrates in charge of investigating the mass killings, said that a .22 pistol fitted with a silencer was being *examined by specialists.*

The weapon, which was found at one of the two chalets in Les Granges-sur-Salvan where 25 cult members died, is of a similar calibre to one used in what Swiss police are now describing as the murder of *at* least some of the 23 victims at a farmhouse in Chery, near Fribourg, in the early hours of last Wednesday morning.

In his statement M. Jaquemet said: "Four victims have now been formally identified. There is a couple — a man and a woman — and another young woman, aged 35. Joseph Di Mambro has also been identified. He was the subject of an arrest warrant we issued last week on charges of murder and arson.

"We also found a pistol fitted with a silencer at Les Granges-sur-Salvan."

The revelations came as Swiss bank accounts held by leading members of the cult were frozen and detectives were said to be more anxious than ever to trace Camille Pilet, a 68-year-old businessman closely connected to the cult's founders.

Police refused to confirm that a warrant had been issued for his arrest on charges of murder and arson. Pilet was present at a meeting of the Order's leaders in Switzerland just days before the fires were set at a farmhouse in Cheiry and two chalets in Les Granges.

He had earlier been erroneously reported to be in custody by Swiss newspapers and was wrongly described a woman.

Described as "dapper and *rather effeminate," Pilet has* travelled widely over recent years to countries which take a more tolerant view towards both gun-running and money *laundering than his native* Switzerland. It is alleged that the Order had become little more than a front for such criminal activities.

At the end of last week an English woman, Nicky Robinson-Dutoit, 30, was found stabbed to death with her husband Antonio, 35, at Di Mambro's chalet near Montreal, Canada. Christopher, the couple's three-month-old baby had been suffocated with a plastic bag.

In another bizarre development, the passports of Di Mambro and his wife, Jocelyne, were sent to the office of Charles Pasqua, the French Interior Minister, over the weekend. Swiss police were yesterday unwilling to speculate on who might have been responsible.

"This is just one more astonishing twist in an extraordinarily complicated story," said one source. The cult had obviously not been 'wiped out' in last week's fires, he added.

Although unwilling to be drawn on the fate of Luc Jouret, the 46-year-old Belgian-born doctor who was the cult's charismatic recruiting officer, Swiss police stressed yesterday that the international hunt for him was widening.

Andre Piller, the Swiss examining magistrate, promised "astonishing" revelations as the investigation gathered momentum.

PETER TREVINOR



Sam Skinner and Wendy Webster, widow of a dead crew member of the *Inspire*, leave the High Court yesterday

Fishing boat survivor sues over 'unheeded' Mayday message

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE sole survivor of a fishing vessel that sank off the Welsh coast with the loss of three lives claimed yesterday that a Coastguard blunder meant his radio call for help went unheeded, leaving him in the water for 11 hours before he was rescued.

Sam Skinner, 35, who tried desperately to save the lives of two of his friends, was praised for his courage by Judge Gareth Edwards, QC, sitting as a High Court judge.

Mr Skinner, who is claiming compensation against the coastguard at the High Court in London, maintains that if the service had responded to his Mayday call all four crew of the *Inspire*, sunk allegedly by the wake of a nuclear submarine, might have been rescued. Mr Skinner, of Goodwick, Dyfed, and Wendy Webster, the widow of crew member David Webster, 42, claim the call went unheeded by the coastguard at Milford Haven during a staff changeover.

The Ministry of Transport, which is responsible for the coastguard, denies all liability.

John Hendy, QC, said the *Inspire*, which was on her maiden commercial voyage, had gone crabbing on September 5, 1988, ten miles north of Fishguard with Mr Skinner, Terry Jones, 29, the boat's skipper, David Webster, and Ronnie Laugherne, 65.

Conditions were relatively calm when the *Inspire* was swamped by a freak wave. Mr Hendy said: "As it was sinking, with great presence of mind in the most adverse conditions Mr Skinner was able to get to the radio telephone and broadcast a message on Channel 16, the distress calling frequency."

Mr Skinner made strenuous efforts to keep Mr *Laugherne and Mr Jones* alive but they both died.

Mr Webster, of Newport, Dyfed, had been separated from the others from the start although Mr Skinner heard his cries and whistles as little as an hour before he was finally rescued.

The coastguard was unaware of the tragedy until 10pm that day, when Mrs Jones became troubled, and Mr Skinner was found four hours later clinging to a lobster pot buoy.

Mr Hendy said the call or part of it was heard by Frances Wray, who took no action. "She had just risen from her seat and was handing over to a colleague for a brief break. What she thought she heard was, "sinking".

She asked another officer if she had heard anything and requested her relief to keep an ear out for any further messages but by then the *Inspire* had sunk. Mr Hendy said: "The words Mr Skinner uttered would appear to be 'Mayday, Mayday. We are sinking.' Mrs Wray heard it or part of it but took no action."

The hearing continues.

Heads call for more flexible exam system

State and independent education heads yesterday made an unprecedented joint appeal to the Government to replace A-level and new vocational qualifications with a single *examination system at age 18 (John O'Leary writes). Seven* organisations set a target of the year 2000 to establish a more flexible framework, allowing students to build their own courses from academic and vocational "modules".

The heads, who included representatives of the three main independent school organisations, have told Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, that they cannot support a system in which 30 per cent of teenagers either fail or drop out of courses.

Lottery start delayed

The consortium Camelot, organisers of the National Lottery, has delayed the first ticket sales by two days because it seemed inappropriate to start the game during the Remembrance weekend. Tickets for £2 million draw were to have gone on sale on Saturday, November 12 but will now be available from 7am on Monday, November 14. The winners will be announced after a television draw on November 19.

'Bullet-proof' robbers

Senior Scotland Yard officers believe the conviction of two men for armed robbery at the Old Bailey yesterday could herald a new and disturbing trend. Tony Daly, 30, and John Walton, 38, both from south London, admitted taking part in a security van hold-up, wearing bullet-proof vests and were each jailed for 13 years. Detectives are concerned that other armed robbers may start wearing protective clothing, leading to more gun battles on the streets.

Channel 4 seeks ruling

Channel 4 is to ask the High Court to decide whether the Broadcasting Complaints Commission is entitled to consider a complaint from Elmton-with-Creswell Parish Council, Derbyshire, about a programme in the legal series, *The Brief*, which it claimed "offended the integrity of the community". At stake is the issue of whether a collective organisation can complain to the BCC about a programme in which it is not directly featured.

Car superstores

Daewoo, the South Korean motor manufacturer, is to revolutionise the way Britain buys its cars by opening a string of out-of-town superstores. By selling directly to the public, the company aims to cut out the "middlemen" of motor dealerships. Daewoo will spend £150 million and create 2,000 jobs setting up 30 sites across the country to sell its models in a move that is likely to see rivals copying the superstore idea.

Keegan bans Journal



Newcastle United has banned communications with the city's morning paper *The Journal* and withdrawn press accreditation from its staff. Kevin Keegan, right, the team's manager, is understood to be upset at a suggestion in an article by Tim Taylor, the paper's chief football writer, that someone at the club may have been telling untruths about the fitness of some of the players.

ScotRail cuts fares

More than a million rail passengers in Scotland will receive free or reduced travel in the next six months as part of ScotRail's initiative to win back customers who deserted the railway during the signal workers strike. Incentives include special fares of £5 from Oban to Glasgow and from Inverness to Kyle, Wick and Thurso. Households in the Highlands have also been offered a free Highland railcard that entitles them to 33 per cent off rail travel.

Late money for Booker

The bookmakers William Hill stopped taking any further bets yesterday on this year's Booker Prize after a last-minute rush to gamble on James Kelman's *How Late It Was, How Late*. Mr Kelman has become even money favourite to win the £20,000 prize tonight, for his black comedy riddled with expletives. Alan Hollinghurst's *The Folding Star*, with its graphic descriptions of gay sex, was second favourite.

Bar codes for postmen

The Royal Mail is to place computer bar codes inside pillar boxes, it was announced yesterday. Postmen will scan the boxes with a laser pen instead of noting down how long they took to empty boxes and complete rounds. It is hoped that the codes will improve speed and efficiency. Trade unions have welcomed the idea. They believe the technology will allow postmen to show where they need help in completing rounds.

Famous Five set out on a £2m television adventure

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ENID BLYTON'S Famous Five gang of adventurous schoolchildren and their dog are to be resurrected in a £2 million television series with the blessing of the author's family.

Gillian Baverstock, *Blyton's daughter*, welcomed the announcement yesterday that filming of the 13-part series would begin next spring. "So many children have asked me why The Famous Five are not on television or video," she said. "It has been planned for such a long time that it is very exciting to see everything come to fruition. My mother would be overjoyed to know that children the world over still love her books, even towards the end of the century."

The first two episodes will based on the first of her 21 Famous Five novels, *Five On A Treasure Island*, and the search has begun for four children to play the book's main characters, Julian, Dick, George (short for Georgina) and Anne — the fifth was Timmy the dog. HTV, the ITV company which is making the series in a joint venture with Tyne Tees Television, said that the dramatisation would be set in the 1930s and filmed in the South West, where The Famous Five's fictional village of Kirrin is located.



Where it all begins: *Five On A Treasure Island*

Blyton's books, set in the Thirties and Forties, are enjoying a resurgence after a sales slump in the Eighties, when their tone, language and middle-class attitudes were considered politically incorrect. Some editors felt it necessary to make discreet changes, altering, for example, "a nasty, common voice" to "a nasty, mean voice".

The Famous Five will be shown initially on the cable and satellite channel The Family Channel but is also expected to be screened on terrestrial television. There has been only one previous television version of the books, made by Southern Television 16 years ago.

☐ Prince Michael of Kent is to present two television programmes about the last tsar of Russia and his family, murdered by Bolsheviks in 1918. The prince is a distant relative of Nicholas II and his wife Alexandra.

The film-makers have had access to Nicholas's personal archives and the two one-hour programmes, *Nicholas and Alexandra*, will be screened on ITV on October 18 and 25.

Blair picks former SDP man

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

A CITY economist who worked for the last Labour Chancellor before moving to the SDP is to be appointed by Tony Blair as his economics adviser.

Derek Scott, director of European economics at BZW, the securities house, fought the 1983 and 1987 general elections for the SDP before returning to Labour in 1990.

His appointment is one of the most important so far announced by Mr Blair as he completes his private office at Westminster. Mr Scott is to divide his time between BZW and Mr Blair's office.

Mr Scott, 47, was special adviser to Denis Healey (now Lord Healey) as Chancellor from 1976 to 1979. After Labour was defeated in 1979 he left the Treasury to become economics assistant to James Callaghan (now Lord Callaghan of Cardiff) as Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Blair last week held out the hand of friendship to former Labour members who went to the SDP.

Thatcher denies arms deal claims

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cused on the way the Ministry of Defence handled the deal. "We made sure there was no lack of probity and that public money was properly accounted for," he said.

However, the audit office report contained sensitive material that might have prejudiced the deal going through, he told BBC Radio 4. "There were certain sensitivities about individuals — not in Britain, outside — which might have prejudiced some of the sales and of course might have led to a loss of contracts or, even more seriously, a loss of employment opportunities in the companies concerned," he said.

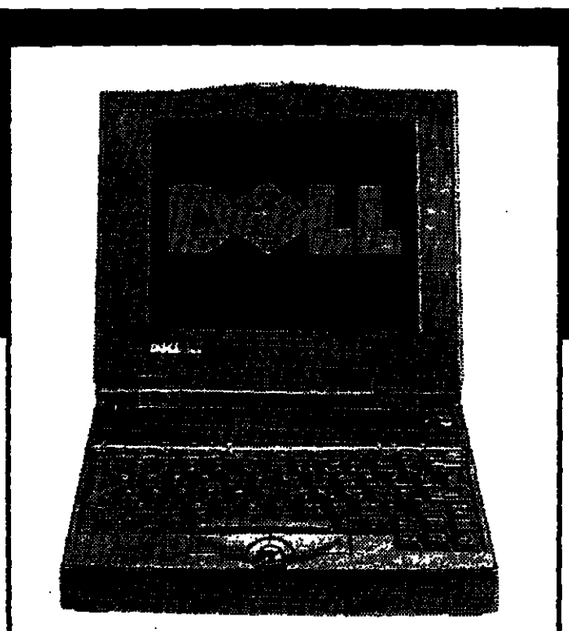
Asked about Mr Thatcher, Mr Sheldon said: "His name was not mentioned in the report and we found no reference to him. But we wouldn't expect it, you see. We don't have the power to pursue public money wherever it goes."

Questions about Mr Thatcher, and polls suggesting that the Tories are considered "sleazy" by the public, dominated Mr Hanley's press conference in Bournemouth last night. Mr Hanley said: "The Government is led by a Prime Minister who is highly honourable and honest in his dealings and the Government has a record of which it is proud."

Despite the furore surrounding Lady Thatcher, he said he was thrilled she was coming to the conference. "She served the nation brilliantly and I am very glad she will be here to endorse the Prime Minister and his team."

Mr Hanley said repeatedly that if anyone had allegations, they should be put to the proper authority. He did not know if any official complaint had been made, he said. But the chairman agreed that if the allegation related to questions about ministers or close relatives receiving payments, "then the Cabinet Secretary would be the proper person to approach".

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Homeless and unemployed face magistrates after demonstration against Criminal Justice Bill

Spanish students among 24 in court on riot charges

By Lucy Berrington

TWO Spanish women who came to England to study were among 24 people who appeared in court yesterday on charges connected with the Hyde Park riot.

Ruth Conesa, 19, the daughter of an engineer, and her friend Paula Henriquez, 18, arrived 15 and 12 months ago respectively to study English and music.

Miss Conesa, of Finsbury Park, north London, is accused of violent disorder in Park Lane. Miss Henriquez, the daughter of a civil servant, also from Finsbury Park, is charged with violent disorder. Both women were ordered to surrender their passports before being released.

Miss Conesa said that since coming to London from Madrid she had been homeless and unemployed, except for a two-month period working as an *au pair*. Dressed in a leather studded jacket and torn grey sweatpants, with her hair in braids, she denied throwing missiles at Hyde Park Corner.

Miss Henriquez said she had been an art student in Spain. Instead of studying music in England, she had



Oke: charged with violent disorder

held a succession of casual jobs, mainly as a waitress.

Half the 24 people who appeared in two courts were unemployed. All were under 35 and were charged with offences ranging from violent disorder to affray. Many came from outside London, including Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Norfolk and Worcestershire.

Fourteen of those who appeared at Camberwell Green magistrates' court in south London had no fixed abode. Most were alleged to have thrown missiles, including bottles, sticks and pieces of concrete, at police officers during disturbances in Park Lane.

Emerging from court after being allowed bail, they looked tired and bewildered. Some hid their faces and ran from the press, but several lingered long enough to blame police aggression for the riot.

Leigh Sherwood, 29, of no fixed abode, looked dirty and dishevelled, with long, matted hair tied in a pony-tail. He was accused of attacking police constables in Piccadilly and Park Lane and faces four counts of assault. He was bailed until November 29 on condition that he lives in a hostel in Kew, west London. Afterwards he sprinted from the court with his face covered.

Martin Casbon, 24, who limped into court with his arm in a sling, a black eye, and cuts to his face, was charged with violent disorder. Anita Patel, prosecuting, said he had been injured by missiles thrown by demonstrators. Speaking outside the court Mr Casbon, from Peterborough, said he had been attacked by the police.

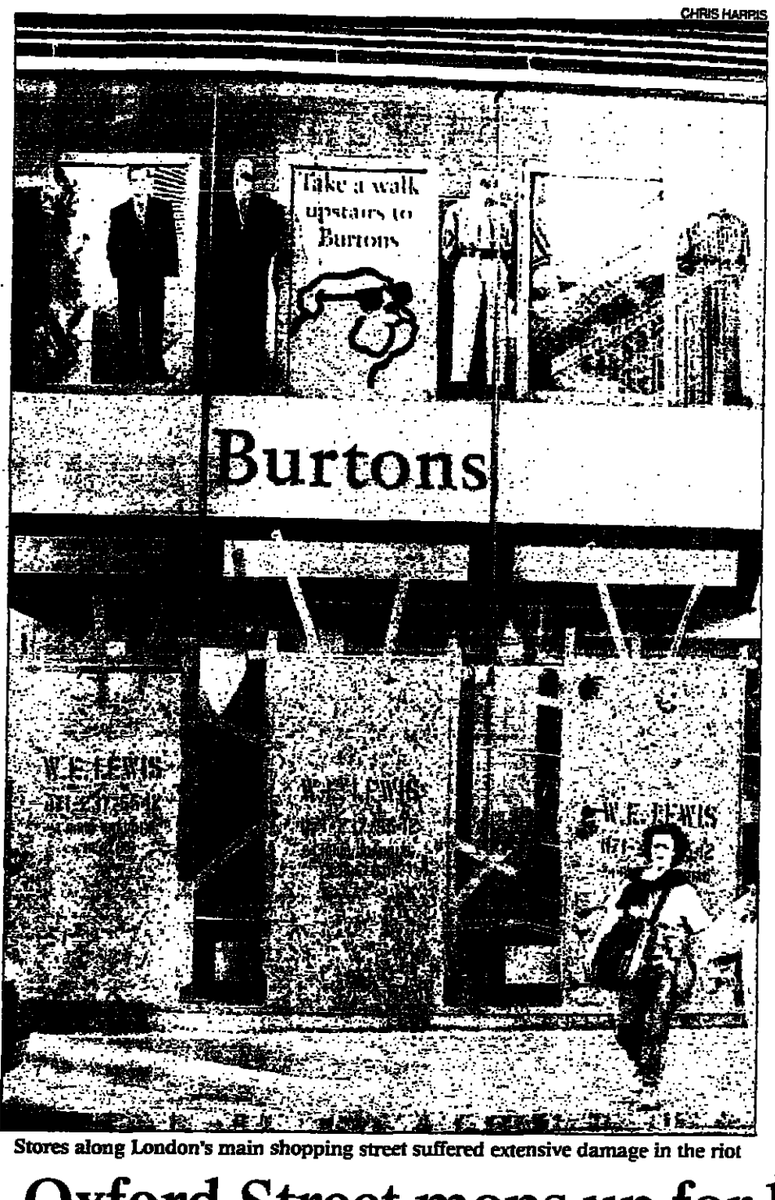
Others in court included Maya Paldi, 23, a part-time student who lives with her parents in Hackney, northeast London, and Craig Grocott, 34, a warehouseman from St Albans, Hertfordshire, who is accused of throwing bottles at police.

Deji Oke, 21, unemployed of Kentish Town, north London, was among those who appeared at Highbury Corner magistrates' court. He was charged with violent disorder and bailed to reappear on October 27.

Others included Ben Harris, 28, of Norwich, who was accused of threatening behaviour; Leon O'Loughlin, 18, a carpenter from Norwich accused of affray, assaulting police and possession of cannabis; and David Greenwood, 20, of Droylsden, Greater Manchester, accused of affray. They were also bailed to reappear on October 27.



CHRIS HARRIS



Stores along London's main shopping street suffered extensive damage in the riot

Youth alliance wants right to peaceful protest

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

OPPOSITION in Parliament to the Criminal Justice Bill focused on its plans for young offenders. Outside Westminster the young have protested over the toughening of public order legislation.

The two recent demonstrations in London have highlighted the alliance of groups opposing Part Five of the Bill, dealing with "Public Order: collective trespass or nuisance on land". The young have been angered by these measures and their street protests have been encouraged by announcements in the pop press and from concert stages.

It is argued that the measures will erode the democratic right to gather in peaceful protest and that they could be used against road protesters and ramblers.

Freedom Network co-ordinates the campaign from an office in Brixton. Opposition to Part Five of the Bill has drawn together environmental activists, campaigners against road-building, anti-hunt organisations, travellers and rave-goers as well as established civil liberties groups such as Charter 88 and Liberty.

Andrew Puddephatt, general secretary of Liberty, called the Bill "a collection of prejudices bundled together with no internal logic. It introduces the criminal law into areas that have traditionally been seen as civil disputes".

The key clauses at issue are:

☐ **Demonstrators:** local authorities get power, on application by Chief Constable and with Home Secretary's permission, to ban gatherings of more than 20 people on a highway or any land without the owner's permission. Police can turn back anyone within five miles of a demonstration.

☐ **Ravers:** police given powers to seize sound equipment and vehicles used in any rave held partly in the open air if the organisers do not have a licence. These clauses can also apply to any form of gathering at which music "wholly or predominantly characterised by the emission of a succession of repetitive beats" is played. Police can order people to leave immediately. If they do not, or return within seven days, they can face jail.

☐ **Travellers:** those in convoys of more than six vehicles can be arrested for trespassing if they refuse to move. They can be evicted and their vehicles seized without a court hearing. A local authority's duty to provide sites for travellers is abolished.

☐ **Squatters:** any squatter refusing to leave immediately could face a prison sentence. It will be legal in certain circumstances for lawful occupiers to evict them physically. Police or security firms will be able to move them if they have a statement from the landlord saying a tenant is moving in.

☐ **Hunt saboteurs:** It becomes an offence for a trespasser in the open air or a non-trespasser on the open highway to attempt to disrupt or obstruct an activity taking place in the open air.

Oxford Street mops up for business as usual

DAMAGE estimated at more than £100,000 was caused in Oxford Street on Sunday as protesters against the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill smashed windows and looted shops after the riot in Hyde Park (Richard Ford writes).

Shops windows were broken and shattered by rioters, some of whom looted clothing and shoes. Yesterday morning large shards of glass littered the pavement and shopfronts were boarded up as staff attempted to find out how much stock was gone. A spokesman for the Oxford Street Traders Association said: "We estimate hundreds of thousands of pounds of damage has been caused, but it is business as usual. We have cleared up as best we can and businesses are operating."

Curtis Tekenah, manager of the Jeans West clothes store, said raiders had stolen £3,000 worth of clothes and caused damage estimated at £4,000. He said: "We are insured against that, and will get the money to do repairs, but the loss of business is going to be most damaging. I expect I will lose about £7,000 today. The whole of the two front windows have been completely smashed. They have picked up bricks and metal bars from road works outside and hurled them through."

At Russell and Bromley shoe shop near Marble Arch, Lee Stevens, the manager, stood surrounded by chunks of paving stone and glass. He said: "They were just after destruction and they succeeded. I don't know how much stock has been taken or damaged.

"There has been more destruction than looting, but the most expensive thing will be the loss of business. Insurance covers the cost of replacing the glass, but I won't be able to open until 4pm. I've been here all night trying to sort things out."

The manager of the Next clothing shop, who did not wish to be named, said three large windows would have to be replaced as boulders had smashed holes in them. He said: "It looks like they've used paving slabs and I think they must have had a few goes at the windows as they are quite strong and wouldn't have smashed first time."

Bank under attack for sacking couple in desktop sex rumours

A LEADING bank has been censured for listening to office gossip and sacking a manager alleged to have been caught having sex with a colleague (Marianne Curphey writes).

The TSB chose to believe rumours rather than properly investigating a cleaner's claims that she caught the senior manager and his clerk entwined on a desk after hours, an industrial tribunal in Cardiff ruled yesterday.

Michael Tucker, a manager on £50,000 a year, and Barbara Wilson, a 24-year-old clerk, lost their jobs despite protesting their innocence.

Claire Richards, a £3-an-hour contract cleaner, claimed that she stumbled upon the couple having sex in a training room. She told the tribunal: "I saw a lady on the desk. Her skirt was up high and it was ruffled up. A gentleman was standing in between her legs and they were wrapped around him.

"His hands were on her waist and her arms were on his shoulders. I am sure they were having sexual intercourse. People do not normally sit on the desk like that."

The tribunal at Cardiff heard how rumours rapidly spread among the 1,000 staff at the TSB insurance headquarters in Newport, Gwent.

Mr Tucker, the bank's customer services manager in charge of 40 people, and Mrs Wilson were ordered to appear before bank executives to explain the incident. The pair claimed they were discussing Mrs Wilson's work and denied they had been having intercourse. They were suspended while an inquiry was held. Mrs Wilson was sacked for gross misconduct and Mr Tucker walked out, claiming constructive dismissal.

Mr Tucker and his wife Yvonne toasted their victory yesterday at their home in Blackburn, Lancashire. The manager, who was in charge of £50 million worth of trade every year, said: "There was never any truth in these rumours. They were just codswallop. I know there are gossips in every office but you do not expect to lose your job because of it. I just could not believe that after nine years with the bank they were going to take a cleaner's word above mine."

Mr Tucker and Mrs Wilson spent 14 months fighting to clear their names. Mrs Wilson has since married.

Rachel Davies, chairman of the tribunal, ruled that the TSB failed fully to investigate the cleaner's claims and other rumours. She said: "They failed to consider conflicts in the evidence. A reasonable employer would have made further investigations."

The bank now faces having to pay compensation to Mr Tucker and Mrs Wilson, who are unlikely to return to their jobs.





Barbara Wilson, the sacked bank clerk, arrives at the tribunal with her husband, Ted. Right, former TSB manager Mike Tucker after the case with his wife Yvonne

Witch doctor saved soldier's hand

By Nick Nuttall

A WITCH doctor in Borneo is credited with saving the hand of a British soldier who developed gangrene on the ill-fated expedition to Mount Kinabalu.

In March a team of ten British and Hong Kong soldiers almost died after they entered Low's Gully. Some were rescued by helicopter while others, including Sergeant Bob Mann, managed to reach villages.

Yesterday Sergeant Mann, 37, a Territorial with the 383 Commando in Plymouth, described how his hand was slashed by a machete that he was holding as he fell while descending into the gully. Two fingers were almost severed and there was a gaping wound on the palm. "When I fell I was so desperate not to drop the machette. But it hit a root and my hand slid down the blade, it wasn't a pretty sight," he said. "We put iodine on it and tried to keep it clean, but it was impossible. The jungle is full of flies and leeches. Within days my hand was swollen and feeling numb.

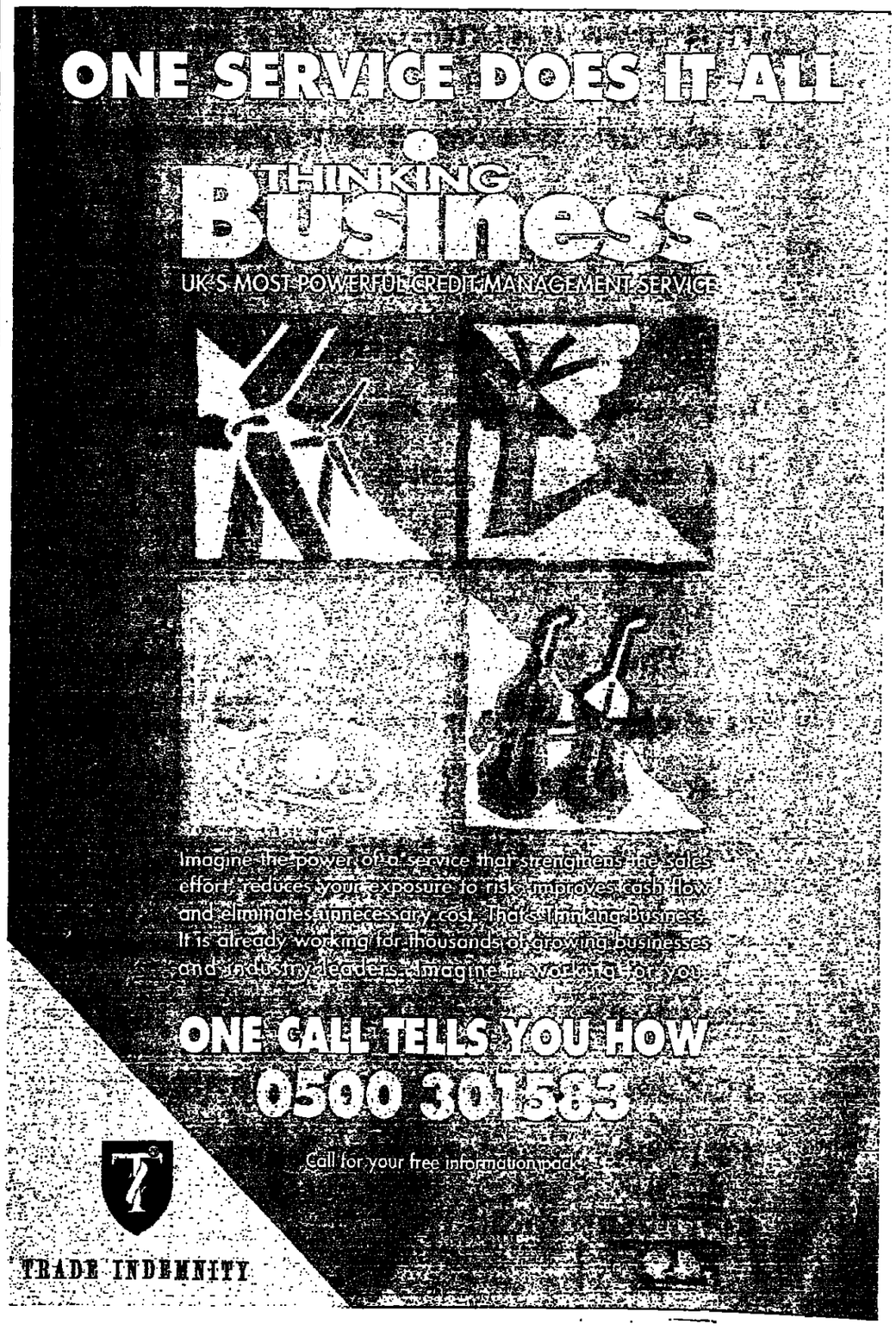
"It was another eight days before we managed to get out of the jungle and by then my hand was in a bad state and I was convinced I would lose my fingers or even my hand. It was smelling like rotten meat."

Sergeant Mann and Lance Corporal Richard Mayfield, both of whom are military medics, left the main party and arrived at Kampung Melangkap Kapa. A village elder called for the "medicine woman" to treat the soldier's hand.

Sergeant Mann said: "This old lady just grabbed my hand and forced it into a large jar of what I was told was snake flesh, herbs and bones. It felt as though my hand was on fire and when she pulled it out about 20 minutes later, the skin was spotlessly clean.

"The gangrene in my hand was so bad I was convinced that my fingers would be amputated at the hospital, but thanks to the jungle treatment my hand was saved."

When Sergeant Mann was flown several days later to the British Military Hospital in Hong Kong, Brian Murphy, an Army doctor, told him that the treatment had indeed saved his hand. A spokesman for the Royal Army Medical Corps in Hong Kong said: "We want to know what the medicine consisted of and establish if in fact there is any benefit which can be adopted within military medicine."



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Oxford University introduces code to tackle sex bias

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD University will tighten its appointments procedures today in an attempt to defuse a dispute over the predominance of men in academic posts. Interview panels will be told not to ask about a candidate's marital status, children, domestic obligations, marriage plans or family intentions.

The revised equal opportunities code of practice says that questions about a candidate's ability to "fit in" with colleagues may be construed as unlawful discrimination. The guidelines, expected to be approved today by Congregation, the university's parliament, say that if a job applicant calls herself "Ms", an appointments panel must not ask if she is a "Mrs" or "Miss".

In summer 1993, female academics and their supporters blocked plans to create 15 new professorships on the ground that they would probably be taken by men.

Congregation supported the campaigners' demands for the creation of more junior appointments, judged more likely to go to women. Although more than a fifth of 150 applications for promotion from lecturer to reader were from women, all but two of the 19 posts went to men.

As part of the latest equal opportunities initiative, the university will consider extending its system of monitoring recruitment to cover categories such as ethnic origin, marital status, and disability.

The revised code says: "Records may be used to determine whether members of one sex or persons of a certain racial group do not apply for employment, or apply in smaller numbers than might be expected, or are shortlisted or appointed in a lower proportion than their application rate, or are concentrated in certain jobs, faculties or sub-faculties."

Oxford has required at least one person of each sex to be included in bodies responsible for shortlisting, interviewing and making academic and non-academic appointments since 1987. It has also recorded the gender of all candidates.

The code says no questions to applicants should be based on "assumptions about roles in the home and the family, or the assumed suitability of different ethnic groups for the post in question".

Rebecca Nestor, the university's equal opportunities officer, said the revised procedures were largely an attempt to codify existing good practice and had not attracted criticism for being "politically correct".

She said: "An interviewer should not ask: 'I see you have three children. How are you going to manage evening work?' It would be all right to say to all applicants: 'This job requires evening work. Is that all right for you?' "

Similarly, she said panels could ask questions to establish whether a recruit would fit into a team, but that it might be unlawful if these were based on the assumption that applicants should be of the same age, race and class as their potential colleagues.

Last night, Norman Stone, professor of modern history at Oxford, said: "Given the present low level of university salaries, people with families can hardly afford to seek posts. The problem of how you interview them will not exist much longer."

Student admits plagiarism

A theology graduate will today become the second Oxford student in six months and only the third this century to be stripped of a degree because of plagiarism. The culprit, who studied at Westminster College in 1992 and has admitted copying part of a dissertation for a master's degree, will be identified in the *Oxford University Gazette* to be published on Thursday.



From top left: the Tate's "The Little White Girl", 1864; Washington National Gallery's "The White Girl", 1862; and Birmingham University's "Symphony in White No. 3", 1867

Tate harmonises Whistler's white symphony

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THREE "Symphony in White" pictures by James McNeill Whistler will be shown together for the first time since they were painted in the 1860s. They will be included in an extensive retrospective exhibition devoted to the artist which opens on Thursday at the Tate Gallery, London.

Whistler, who exhibited with Monet, Pissarro and Renoir, painted some of the most beautiful Impressionist views of Venice and Trouville, played with colour in a way that approached abstraction long before abstraction was invented, and explored the relationship between painting and music in giving musical titles.

For years he suffered at the hands of critics. Some dismissed his paintings as "Mr Whistler's jokes", others as "disastrous failures".

He would have been surprised to learn that the "Symphony in White" paintings should be given pride of place in a show. One contemporary reviewer attacked them for not having colours. Whistler scribbled across the review: "Can anything be more amazing than the stultified prattle of this poor person? Good God, did this ass ... in his astounding wisdom believe that a symphony in F contains no other note but ... a continued repetition of F F F? Fool."

Emile Zola, reporting on the public's reaction to "Symphony in White No 1, The White Girl", wrote how "people were nudging each other, doubling up with laughter, and there was always a group standing about with open-mouthed hilarity".

Also in the show is *Nocturne in Black and Gold: The Falling Rocket*, the 1870s painting which was the subject of one of the most famous and colourful trials in art history.

The case of Whistler v. John Ruskin, the art critic, came to court after Ruskin attacked the painting, describing it as "flinging a pot of paint in the public's face". He also said that the picture, at 200 guineas, was outrageously expensive.

The cross-examination confirmed Whistler's witty, flamboyant character. When asked how he could have charged 200 guineas for a painting that took two days to "knock off", Whistler replied, "I ask it for the knowledge of a lifetime." Whistler won but it was a pyrrhic victory: he was awarded damages of one farthing.

Critical acclaim came late to Whistler. For many he was a litigious self-publicist and flamboyant dandy. His letters, published to coincide with the exhibition, show another side to his character: a man riddled with self-doubt.

Red tape scheme aims to curb officials

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE power of overzealous health and safety officials over small businesses is to be cut sharply under government proposals to be debated in the Lords today.

A package of measures will ensure that officials from the 74 enforcement agencies, from the Health and Safety Inspectorate to the Trading Standards Inspectorate, do not exceed their powers.

The proposals are the Government's long-awaited response to claims that there has been a big increase in the number of petty officials harassing and forcing the closure of small businesses for minor infractions of health and safety regulations. The measures will be put forward as an amendment to the Deregulation Bill, the Government's anti-red tape initiative that is expected to receive the Royal Assent next month.

A search by civil servants counted more than 80 laws that give enforcement officials the power to regulate and close a wide range of businesses. The proposals have been drawn up by the Trade and Industry Department's deregulation unit, which is co-ordinating the move across Whitehall to cut red tape.

In future, officials will have to specify whether suggestions for improvements have a statutory basis or are merely recommendations. Businesses will be able to ask for a statement detailing what inspectors believe they need to do to comply with statutory obligations. An appeals procedure is also being proposed.

Air pollution warning for asthmatics

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

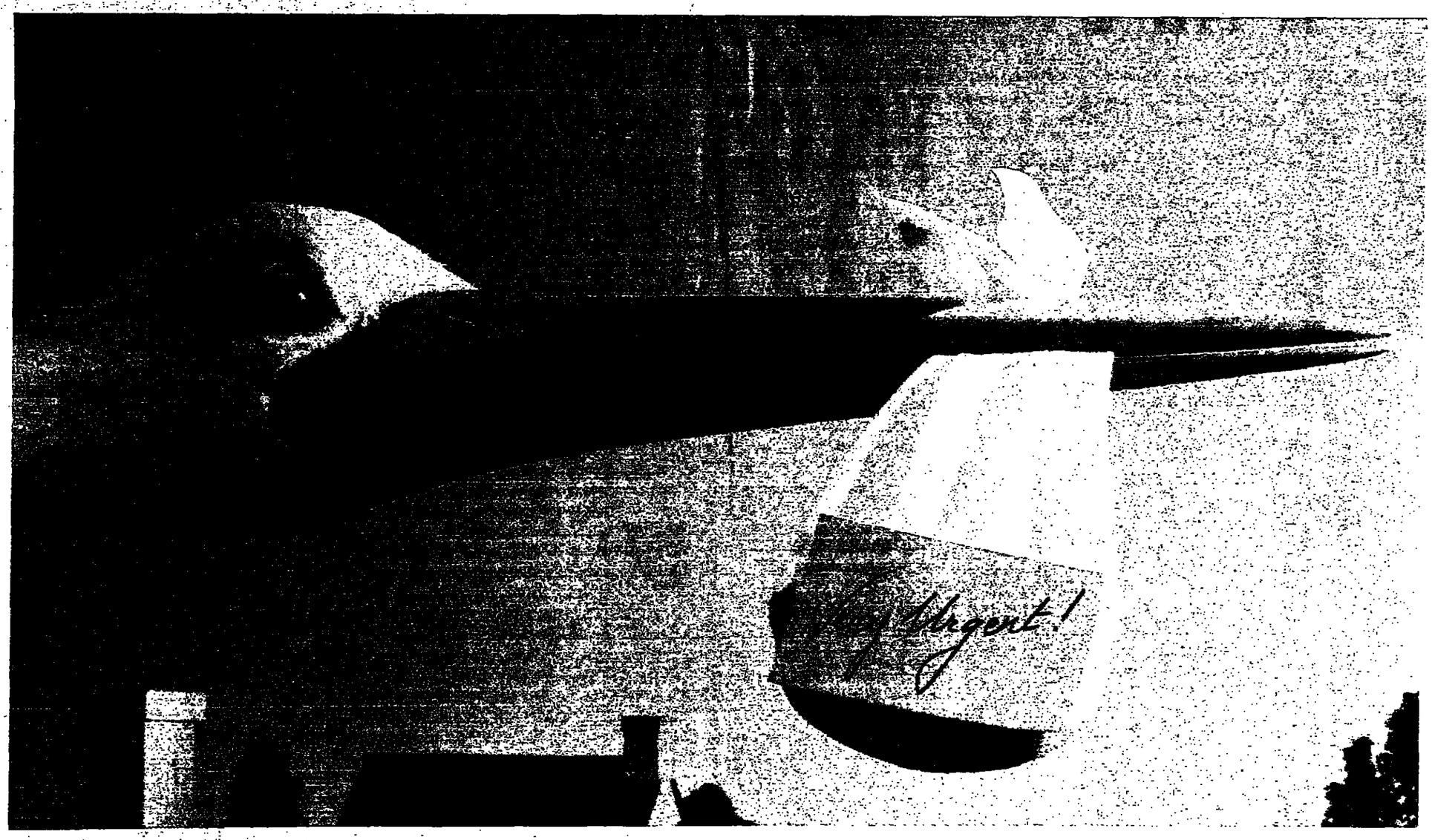
AN AIR pollution alert was issued in London yesterday as a leading health charity launched a campaign claiming that a child is admitted to hospital every ten minutes with breathing difficulties.

The Department of the Environment described air quality in the capital as poor with a forecast of more heavy pollution today. Traffic fumes have been linked to a rise in asthma cases in Britain over recent decades. The department advised sufferers to seek medical advice and to refrain from exercise.

The National Asthma Campaign, which has launched National Asthma Week, said one million out of seven million schoolchildren now suffered from asthma, with the figure having doubled since the 1970s.

The latest pollution alert follows a summer during which a string of air pollution alerts were triggered by rises in ground level ozone, a gas formed from traffic fumes and sunlight. Yesterday's poor air quality was also caused by traffic fumes but linked with nitrogen dioxide, an exhaust fume which builds up on calm, wintery, days. It has also been linked with breathing difficulties.

An Asthma Campaign report claims that 600,000 schoolchildren are missing lessons because of asthma-related problems, with many unable to take part in sports. Chris Smith, Labour's environment spokesman, said: "Britain is in the grip of an asthma epidemic."



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Environment Department guidelines call for less rigorous opposition to developers

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Keith Corbett on Turbary Common, Bournemouth. "This change is very ominous"

Town halls told to reduce protection for wildlife sites

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

PROTECTION for thousands of small wildlife sites and local beauty spots is being weakened by new government rules, conservationists said yesterday.

A change in guidelines to local councils has created a clash between the Environment Department and English Nature, its wildlife adviser in England.

English Nature staff in Dorset say scores of ecologically important areas will be put at greater risk from developers' bulldozers. A spokesman for English Nature said yesterday: "We are very unhappy to see any diminution of protection given to wildlife sites."

The department's move emerged in Dorset. In common with many councils around the country, Bournemouth Borough Council has adopted robust nature protection rules which are tougher than ones laid down by Government.

The councils' rules presume that development should not take place on a site of special scientific interest, greenbelt land, open space and local wildlife sites unless there is an overwhelming case for it.

Bournemouth council has been told that instead of presuming against development, it should simply take the ecological and environmental importance into account. The advice is expected to emerge as national policy later in the month when the department issues its planning guidance on nature conservation.

The move comes as Britain is to implement the European Habitats and Species Directive. The directive, which will be debated in the House of Lords next Monday, will create a network of important sites throughout the Continent, where tough conservation rules will operate.

Critics, including Friends of the Earth, claim that ministers are keen to keep flexibility in the planning system for house and road building. This why the Government is telling councils to downgrade the many thousands of nationally or locally important sites not covered by the directive, the group claims.

The Wildlife Trusts, a conservation umbrella body, says that 12,000 county sites are at risk from the ruling. Tony Juniper, of Friends of the Earth, said that the guidance was a disgrace which highlighted the gulf between government rhetoric on conservation and its actual policies.

The department fears that by adopting tougher wildlife laws than are laid down by central Government, councils may be exposed to court action by developers. But Mr Juniper said: "To meet Britain's European laws, the Government is sacrificing nationally important wildlife sites. The Bournemouth decision appears to be a preview of the guidance which is to be given nationally."

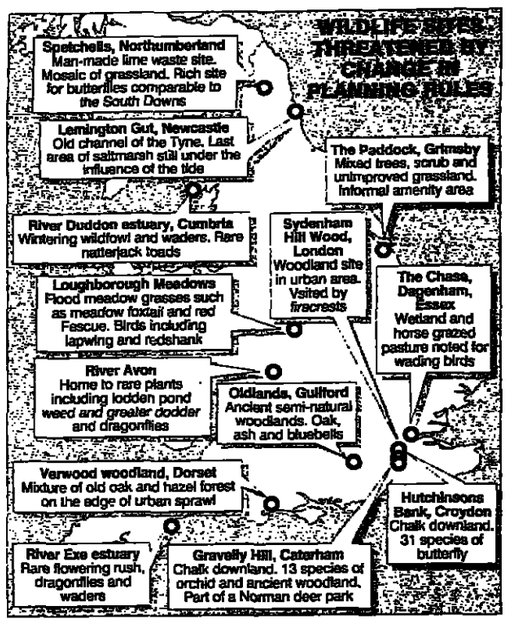
His claims are backed by the Dorset Trust for Nature Conservation and the Herpetological Conservation Trust, which tries to protect such species as snakes and lizards.

Dr Lesley Haskins, scientific consultant to the Dorset Trust, said: "We have suddenly got a situation where the DoE is saying we do not like the policies that the conservation bodies have thrashed out with the [Bournemouth] council." She said it appeared to be more than a coincidence that the move was being made in the run-up to the habitats directive and the issuing of formal planning guidance on conservation.

Keith Corbett, of the herpetological trust, said yesterday: "This is very ominous. Local plans that give vital nature protection face being wiped out at a stroke by the DoE."

Phil Robinson of Bournemouth council confirmed that it had been told to reword its nature protection rules, even though the council's policy had been approved by a local department inspector at a public inquiry.

He said the council had been put in a difficult position with English Nature and local wildlife groups but had to follow government advice.



SITES IN DANGER

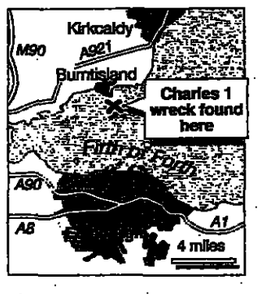
- Leamington Gut, Newcastle upon Tyne. Old channel of the Tyne, last area of tidal saltmarsh linked with the river
- The Paddock, Grimsby. Humberside. Mixed forest, scrub and unimproved grassland
- Sydenham Hill Wood, London. Woodland site home to rare migratory songbirds called fire crests
- Spetchells, Northumberland. Man-made lime waste site, grassland home to rich variety of butterflies
- Oldlands Copse, Guildford, Surrey. Ancient, semi-natural woodland of oak, ash and bluebells
- Gravelly Hill, Caterham, Surrey. Chalk downland with 13 species of orchid and ancient woodland.
- Verwood woodland, Dorest. Mixture of old oak and hazel forest on the edge of urban sprawl
- The Chase, Dagenham, Essex. Wetland and horse grazed pasture noted for wading birds
- Hutchinsons Bank, Croydon. Chalk downland with more than 31 species of butterfly
- Large sections of Avon bank, home to rare plants and dragonflies
- Duddon estuary, Cumbria. Noted for wintering wildfowl and waders, and natterjack toads
- Loughborough Meadows, with grasses such as meadow foxtail and red fescue and birds including lapwing and redshank
- Exe estuary. Rare plants including flowering rush and hairy dragonfly and wintering wildfowl and waders

Virtual reality divers scour seabed for royal treasure

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

ARCHAEOLOGISTS searching for King Charles I's sunken treasure with "virtual reality" scanners believe excavation of his baggage ferry, the *Blessing of Burntisland*, could prove to be more important than the raising of the *Mary Rose*.

Many royal artefacts from Charles I's reign were destroyed during the Cromwellian era. The *Blessing of Burntisland*, which sank in the Firth of Forth on July 10, 1633, is expected to contain the personal effects of the King at the height of his powers, including the complete 200-piece set of his silver plate. The excavation, by Barry Clifford and his Global Explorers Group, has spent two summers working on the project, locating a dozen wrecks in the two-mile stretch of water off the Fife coast at Burntisland. Divers wearing virtual reality helmets and carrying cameras were guided by archaeologists in a control vessel to areas on the seabed most likely to yield trophies.



The team, which is being filmed by BBC1's *Tomorrow's World*, has identified a wooden ship with ballast stones of a design similar to King Charles's ship.

The archaeologists will return next spring to start digging for the wreck, believed to be buried in 30ft of alluvial deposits. The team is also interested in an unknown 19th-century wreck and a Second World War Hurricane fighter which the Ministry of Defence is attempting to identify.

Grave row family want body exhumed

The family at the centre of a dispute over their late father's headstone began moves to have his body exhumed and reburied elsewhere yesterday.

The family of Frederick Brown were told by the Rev Stephen Brian, vicar of Holy Trinity Church in Freckleton, Lancashire, that they could not put the words Dad and Grandad on his headstone. Mr Brian's decision was backed by a consistory court.

Mr Brown's daughter-in-law, Wendy, said: "We have no option left but to have Dad's body exhumed." *(PA)*

Wise arrested

The Chelsea and England footballer Dennis Wise was arrested during the weekend for allegedly damaging a London taxi after a dispute with the driver, it was disclosed yesterday. The argument occurred after Wise, 27, left Scribes bar in Kensington, owned by Terry Venables, the England manager. He was released without charge.

Porn closure

Police have ordered the closure of an exhibition of pornography, entitled "Hardcore Holography", at John Moores University in Liverpool. They have threatened to seize the holograms, which contravene the Obscene Publications Act, if the show reopens.

Man cleared

Imtiyaz Asghar, 22, of Reading, jailed for life for murder in January 1992, was cleared by Reading Crown Court after the Court of Appeal ordered a retrial. He had been convicted of stabbing to death Jason Swaddling, 24, during a street scuffle.

Captive market

Paul Maxwell, 38, a former prisoner at Lindholme, a semi-open jail near Doncaster, claims that he made £1,500 by selling prison clothing through a mail order service run from his cell. He served six months for assaulting a policeman.

'Magic' illness

Ten people were treated at Eastbourne District General Hospital after eating hallucinogenic mushrooms picked in the Uckfield area of East Sussex. An ambulance service spokesman said that it was the season for "magic" mushrooms.

Potent brew

A beer named Uncle Igor's Famous Falling Over Water, made by the Ross Brewing Company in Bristol, has been certified by the *Guinness Book of Records* as the world's strongest beer. It can be sold only in wine-glass measures because of its potency.

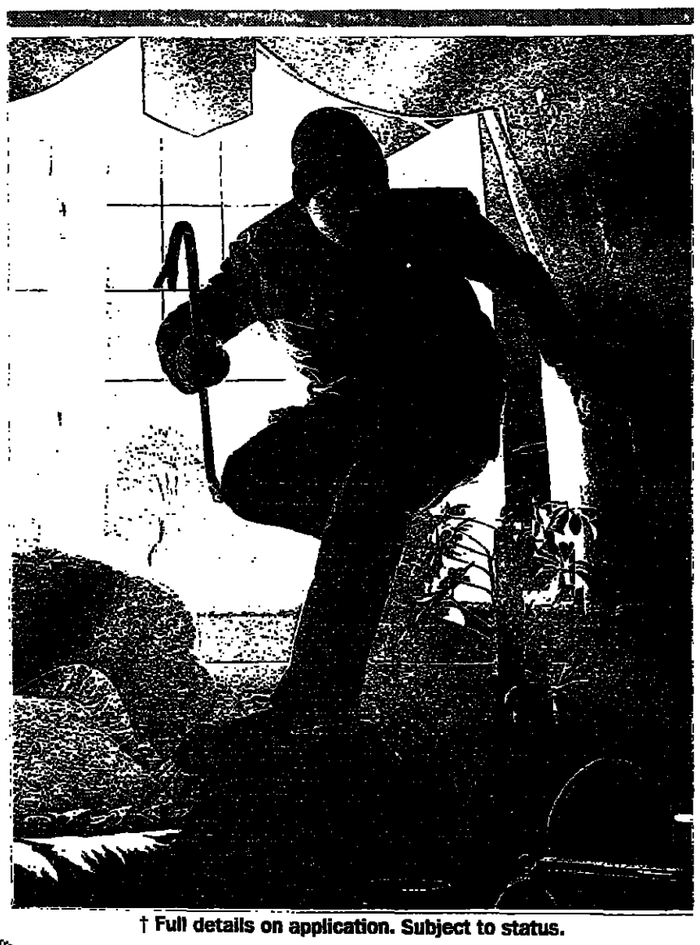
Beast escapes

A South American capybara, a rodent that looks like a giant guinea pig and weighs six stone, has escaped from a wildlife park in Shepreth, Cambridgeshire. Terry Willers, the park's owner, said the animal had scaled a fence to look for a mate.

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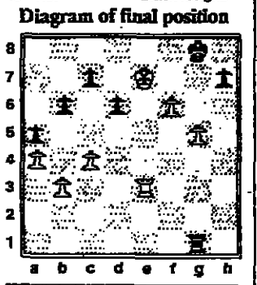
Garry Kasparov has opened a World Chess Centre in Tel Aviv as part of the Sol and Sissy Mark Cultural Academy. Kasparov took on simultaneously Israel's top 15 juniors, all of them masters. Kasparov's score of 11 wins and 4 draws was remarkable, given the strength of opposition. In the following game Kasparov sacrifices material to reach a favourable endgame.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: A Gershon
Tel Aviv Simul, October 1994

Dutch Defence

1	c4	f5
2	g3	Nf6
3	Bg2	g6
4	d4	Bg7
5	Nc3	d6
6	Nh3	Nc6
7	d5	Ne5
8	Nf4	0-0
9	b3	Ne4
10	Nxe4	fxe4
11	Bxe4	Nf3+
12	exf3	Bxa1
13	Qd3	Be5
14	h4	Bd4
15	Bxd4	Bf5
16	h5	Bxe4
17	fxe4	Qe8
18	Bh6	Rf6
19	Bg5	Rf8
20	f4	e5
21	dxe6	Qxe6
22	hxg6	Qxg6
23	Rh6	Qg7
24	Qd5+	Kh8
25	Qe6	Rae8
26	Bf6	Rxd6
27	Qxd6	Rxe4+
28	Kf2	Qxd6
29	Rxd6	Kg7
30	Rf5	b6
31	a4	a5
32	Rd5	Kf6
33	Rd1	Kf5
34	Kf3	Re7
35	g4+	Kf6
36	Rh1	Kg6
37	f5+	Kf6
38	Kf4	Kg7
39	g5	Re2
40	Rh3	Re1
41	f6+	Kg8
42	Re3	Rf1+
43	Kg4	Rg1+
44	Kf5	Rf1+
45	Ke6	Rg1
46	Ke7	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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THE TIMES BRIDGE

BY JOHN GRAHAM

Dealer South — East-West vul



North and South, two members of the Reform Club, had a misunderstanding about the strength of their bids and ended up in six no trumps. West led the queen of clubs, won by the ace in dummy.

A diamond to the king was won by West, and a second club went to declarer's king.

Declarer now crossed to dummy with a spade, picked up three heart tricks - even for 11 tricks he needed the heart finesse — and played out all dummy's spades, discarding clubs from hand.

At the tenth trick, having to discard from 10-6-3 in diamonds and ten of clubs, West was squeezed.

His mistake had been made, as so often, at trick two. If he had refused to take the first diamond, declarer could not have made his contract.

By refusing to rectify the count and by attacking declarer's communications, West would have mounted the classic defence against a squeeze.

He was an honest fellow and took it philosophically. He had read S. J. Simon's famous *Why You Lose At Bridge*. "Actually, I surprised myself by not doubling. I don't mind making one mistake, but if I was going to defend like that, doubling would have been two mistakes."

Jewellery salesman who saw a golden opportunity



Mark Thatcher: "boastful"

BY ANDREW PIERCE AND EMMA WILKINS

FROM the day Margaret Thatcher became Prime Minister her son, then a humble sales representative for a jewellery company, saw a golden opportunity.

While the new Prime Minister was on the steps of 10 Downing Street quoting the words of St Francis of Assisi about creating harmony in place of discord, Mark had already begun trading on the Thatcher name.

Mr Thatcher, who was working for the L.J. Lepp jewellery firm in London, demanded a 100 per cent pay rise when his mother was crossed the threshold of Number 10. The request was denied. Mark said at the time: "Anyone would have done the same if it was their mum." He joined the company soon after he left Harrow School, where he was an academic failure, but the racquets champion. One of his closest schoolfriends was John Lepp, the son of the owner of the jewellery company.

He worked for the firm as a travelling salesmen during the period Lady Thatcher was Leader of the Opposition. Clients were impressed. If they telephoned him at the family home in Chelsea, Denis Thatcher often answered the telephone.

He moved on to accountancy at Touche Ross, where he failed his exams three times. Then there was a spell as a motor-racing driver and the odd win at Brands Hatch. The remarkable transition from penniless salesman to multi-millionaire had begun.

Even his sister is the first to admit she cannot understand how he has amassed his fortune. She has told friends: "I don't know how he does it. A house in London, a mansion in Dallas while I work hard and have one small house in Fulham. I have never been able to fathom it."

One of the first of many banana skins which embarrassed his mother was his decision to model Japanese clothes in Tokyo when she was energetically "batting for Britain". Already he was being regarded as his mother's Achilles heel. To his mother he was badly misunderstood.

He exposed the crack in her iron facade when he was lost in the Algerian desert for six days in 1982 on the Paris-Dakar rally. It was the first time the Iron Lady shed public tears.

The desert incident became a national joke. Five years later the *Daily Mirror* printed a map in case he got lost on the way to his wedding at the Savoy chapel.

Speculation about his business practices intensified in 1984 when the Prime Minister was embarrassed by reports that her son received a commission for his part in helping Cementation, a British firm, to win a contract to build a university and hospital in Oman.

In April that year, he announced his decision to leave Britain for America, in order to "keep a low profile". Lady Thatcher was deeply depressed by his decision to go and believed that he was hounded out of the country by the press.

In the United States, where Lady Thatcher enjoyed an almost cult-like status, he worked first for Lotus cars as an "ambassador" on a reported salary of £45,000. He later invested in a company manufacturing mobile telephones which has reputedly earned £10 million.

In 1986 he paid £400,000 for a house in Dallas, Texas, where he lives with his American wife, Diane, the daughter of a Texas car dealer, and the couple's two children Michael, five, and Amanda.

In 1987 he again cashed in on his mother's reputation by setting up The Grantham Company, named after her birthplace. He said it dealt with electronics, leasing and communications.

He now faces court action under America's anti-racketeering laws for his part in the takeover of a Texas aviation fuel company, which was founded in 1990 by John "Jay" Laughlin. The action, brought by Mr Laughlin, seeks personal damages of £750,000 million from Mr Thatcher, which could be pushed up under the anti-racketeering laws to £2 million.

Lady Thatcher said of Mark: "He is one of the most business-like people I deal with." It is a view which is not shared by even her closest friends. "Try as I might I just cannot like Mark Thatcher. He has shamelessly exploited his mother's name and reputation and she is blind to his faults," said one of her closest supporters.

Sir Tim Bell, the public affairs consultant who was one of Lady Thatcher's closest advisers, is on good terms with Mark Thatcher. He reportedly offers informal advice to him on his media image and is often described as the only man who likes Mark.

But he said of him in January 1992: "It may be that he is rather brash, rude and brutish in the way he behaves. Maybe he boasts too much, but he is basically just an ordinary bloke. If you knew him you would not find him the remotest bit interesting."

Al-Yamamah deals entrenched ties with Saudis

PM's personal contacts won billions for Britain

■ The flow of cash in return for defence equipment continues to bring Britain about £2 billion a year and offers the prospect of further contracts with Saudi Arabia

THE two al-Yamamah defence contracts signed with Saudi Arabia, in which Mark Thatcher is claimed to have earned £12 million as a middleman, involved such a huge equipment programme that Britain has been in the top three of world arms sellers ever since.

The flow of cash in return for Tornado fighters, helicopters, mine counter-measure vessels and aircraft trainers runs at an average of £2 billion a year.

Al-Yamamah 1, signed in 1986, and al-Yamamah 2, signed in 1993, could be worth £20 billion. However, the defence relationship between Britain and Saudi Arabia is now so entrenched that there are high expectations that the first two agreements will be followed by al-Yamamah 3, 4 and beyond.

The deal with Saudi Arabia was engineered at the highest level of government. Officials involved from as far back as 1985 when al-Yamamah (the dove) was first mooted recall that it was Baroness Thatcher, more than anyone else, whose personal contacts with the Saudi royal family helped to win the deal for Britain.

Key figures such as Sir Colin Chandler, a senior executive with British Aerospace who became head of defence sales at the Ministry of Defence and is now chief executive of Vickers, played a crucial role in finalising the deals. However, Lady Thatcher and her most senior ministers, including Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, George Younger (now Lord Younger) and Michael Heseltine, as Defence Secretaries, visited King Fahd and other members of the Saudi royal family every year to keep the al-Yamamah deals flowing smoothly. John Major, Mr Hurd and Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, have continued the commitment.

One official involved behind the scenes said that in Saudi philosophy, it would have been entirely natural for the son of the British Prime Minister to be involved with a relationship of such lasting importance to both countries.

However, the official could not think of any meeting, visit or conversation which suggested that Mark Thatcher had played a pivotal role in clinching the contracts. "It was Lady Thatcher who clinched al-Yamamah," he said.

One difficulty of doing business with the Saudis has always been the limited number of people in the Saudi government machine able to take decisions, and the importance of middlemen with access to the royal family. The emergence of men such as Adnan Khashoggi meant that, on the Saudi side at least, it was perfectly acceptable for private intermediaries to take a cut from large government contracts.

More worrying, however, has been the recent overspending by the Saudi government, leading to a budget deficit of £55 billion. It plans a 20 per cent reduction in its spending this year, and there are fears that this will lead to the cancellation or spreading out of some of the al-Yamamah project and the associated offset civilian contracts. Both Mr Major and Mr Hurd have recently visited Saudi Arabia to seek assurances from King Fahd that British business contracts are secure.


King Fahd outside Downing Street with Margaret Thatcher in 1987, when al-Yamamah 2 was being discussed

A secret investigation was carried out by the National Audit Office into the MoD's role in the arms contracts, but the memorandum — still unpublished — which was sent to Robert Sheldon, the Labour chairman of the Commons Public Accounts Committee, makes no reference to Mr Thatcher.

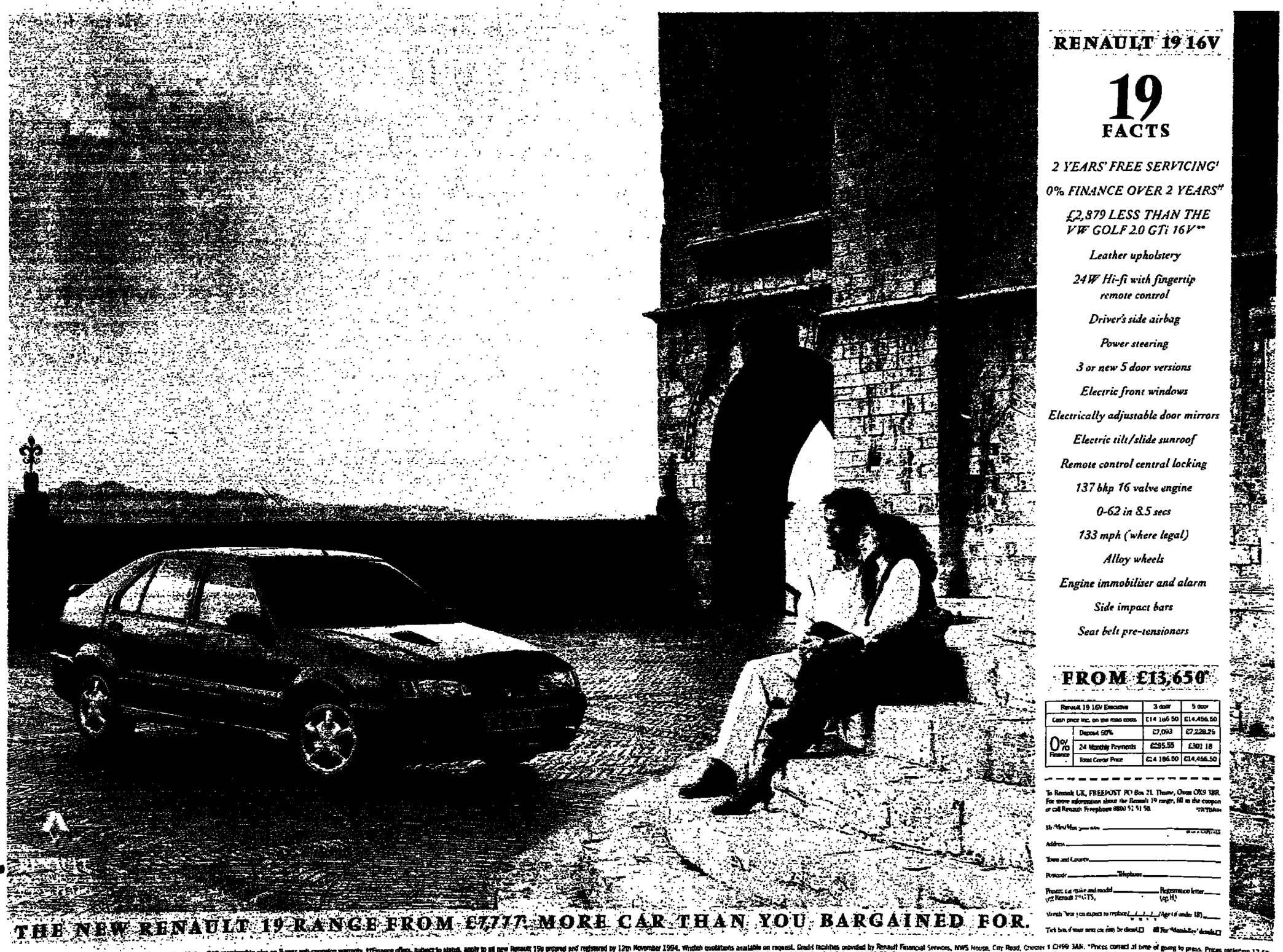
However, officials at the NAO said its remit was only to investigate the management of the contracts by the MoD. The NAO had no power to investigate British Aerospace, the prime contractor for both al-Yamamahs.

Mr Sheldon said yesterday: "His [Mark Thatcher's] name was not mentioned in the report at all and we found no reference to him. But we wouldn't expect it. We don't have the power to pursue public money wherever it goes."

The NAO memorandum was only seen by Mr Sheldon and Lord Shaw, a Conservative member of the committee. Next week, other members of the committee are expected to demand that the NAO report be published.

BAe has maintained the same position since the original allegations that influential middlemen had been paid huge commissions to oil the wheels of the defence deal. A spokesman said: "This is a government-to-government agreement, we just service the contracts and provide the aircraft. So the whole business of alleged middlemen and commissions doesn't arise as far as we're concerned."

Under al-Yamamah 2, the value of the deals rocketed to £15 billion and industry sources believe it could rise to at least £20 billion.



Major mocks Labour's 'borrowed principles'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR last night portrayed Labour as being in the throes of a political identity crisis, desperately trying on Tory clothes in the vain hope of winning power.

In a speech to Tory agents on the eve of the party conference in Bournemouth, the Prime Minister mocked Tony Blair's born-again brand of socialism and urged his party to "lay into" phoney Labour policies.

But Mr Major's attack — in which he did not mention Mr Blair by name — was overshadowed by another senior Tory. Michael Dobbs, a deputy chairman of the party, likened Mr Blair to Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, for his alleged refusal to answer straight questions. Mr Dobbs said in an interview with *The Scotsman*: "He [Mr Blair] is rather like Gerry Adams. I'll rephrase that. He seems to be as reluctant to use certain words as Mr Adams. He cannot go on talking about fair taxation for very much longer before people say: 'What do you mean?' "

Foreshadowing the theme of



the Tory fightback this week in Bournemouth, Mr Major accused Labour of borrowing Tory values and beliefs in an attempt to end their 15 years in the political wilderness. But he said their conversion — to low taxation, privatisation and private ownership, no privileges for trade unions and standing up for Britain in Europe — was skin-deep.

Labour had also changed its colour. But its choice of green as the backdrop to the Blackpool conference was revealing. Labour was so "green with envy" at the Tory victories of the past 15 years that it was trying on Tory clothes for size. Mr Major said: "We have a clear identity. We're not having to search around for a new set of values and a new identity. We haven't borrowed our principles. We believe in them.

"I know that our Opposition are offering pap not substance ... But we must not allow the country to be their laboratory experiment. So we must lay into their policies because they are the slippery slope back to the problems this country has sweated blood to put right.

"Labour talk about new values. They may be new to them. But they're the old values to us. They've simply borrowed them for the sake of appearances. Conservative policies are built on conviction. That's why we will win."

Jeremy Hanley, the Tory party chairman, will back up Mr Major's message today when he addresses the conference. Mr Hanley will attack Mr Blair directly, accusing him of having committed a series of personal U-turns over issues such as Europe and nuclear disarmanent.

He will claim that the Labour leader is trying to persuade the country that he has "no connection" with the Labour MP of the same name elected 11 years ago.

The Prime Minister made the constitution, the economy and Europe the spearhead of his assault on Labour. It was "foolish" for Labour to tinker with the constitution for short-term political plaudits.

Their plans for Scottish and Welsh parliaments were a "serious error". Echoing his politically successful defence of the Union at the last general election, Mr Major said that Labour was pandering to separatists of the Scottish National Party. "This tinkering is dangerous. Explosive. They shouldn't do it. The loser would be Scotland and the UK."

It raised the question of what would happen if a majority in Scotland voted for the SNP. "We could have a Quebec situation on our hands. This is folly and should be dropped now."

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John Major and his wife Norma on their way to the party conference yesterday

Ministers letting us down, say activists

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

TORY activists branded the Government incompetent and accident-prone yesterday and said that ministers had failed to attack the new-look Labour Party or effectively answer allegations of sleaze.

Representatives arriving at Bournemouth station for the conference were in an aggressive mood. Most are convinced that the economy is beginning to recover, that John Major has finally proved himself a worthy Prime Minister, crime figures are coming down and "Blairmania" can be tackled. But they are angry that ministers do not appear to be capitalising on the situation.

Agents meeting for a pre-conference drink said they could win the next general election if ministers could only keep calm and statesmanlike. Jeanette Thomson, from Berwick-upon-Tweed, said: "The grassroots are beginning to pull together but we are being let down by ministers who can't seem to get a grip on the situation."



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Clarke refuses to move on tax cuts

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke fuelled fresh concerns among the Tory Right yesterday by insisting that spending on public services would not be sacrificed to finance tax cuts.

After demands by right-wingers to cut taxes by 2p immediately, the Chancellor insisted that tax reductions could be delivered only when public spending was low. He made clear, however, that he would not drop present spending commitments.

"We as a party want to have tax cuts but we have always made it clear that tax cuts have to be delivered when public spending is low, when we are not borrowing too much," he told BBC Radio 4's *World At One*. "I am certainly not going to go back on our election commitments to the great public services and start making cuts that go beyond cutting out waste."

As Tory divisions over tax looked set to dominate the conference this week, Jeremy Hanley, the party chairman, tried to reassure the Right by pledging that the Tories would deliver tax cuts. "The one thing that unites us all is that tax cuts will come," he said.

"The Chancellor said it would be most unlikely that tax cuts would come in the Budget but the evidence is there of a strongly growing economy and therefore because we are a party of low taxation, as opposed to the Labour Party, we will be able to achieve tax cuts. The exact timing is down to the Chancellor."

Later Harriet Harman, shadow Chief Treasury Secretary, and Frank Dobson, shadow Transport Secretary arrived in Bournemouth to exploit Tory divisions by launching a new campaign to highlight the 7p increase in taxes in the past two Budgets. Ms Harman argued that even if the Tories cut taxes by 2p before the next election, the Government had still increased taxes by 5p overall since 1992.

"When the Tories cut taxes as a pre-election bribe, Labour will remind everyone that the Tories have put up taxes by the equivalent of 7p in the basic rate since the election," said Ms Harman. "So if the tax cut is less than 7p, it will not be a real cut at all."

Today's agenda

Jeremy Hanley, the party chairman, makes his maiden speech to the conference. The debates will be on agriculture, local government, foreign affairs and Europe, the Citizen's Charter and transport.

THE TIMES
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Conservatives beset by shortage of money, skilled agents and rank-and-file members

MPs funding local parties with up to £11,000 a year

MPs' allowances are increasingly being used to help hard-up Tory associations, writes Michael Pinto-Duschinsky

DOZENS of Conservative constituency associations received payments of up to £11,000 from their MPs last year. Each MP now receives, among other parliamentary allowances, £41,308 for research and secretarial services. This is an increase of 42 per cent since 1992 and means that Tory MPs have over £15 million to spend between them on this item alone.

At a time when many local parties are feeling the pinch because of a loss of membership subscriptions, some MPs are coming under pressure to hand over a portion of this allowance. In effect, a new form of indirect public subsidy to party organisations is becoming established. This is no doubt affecting all parties.

Officially, the research and secretarial allowance is for expenses incurred "wholly, necessarily and exclusively for Parliamentary duties". In practice, the demarcation is blurred between a constituency office's efforts to secure an MP's re-election and the routine service it helps to provide for the voters. Local parties are tending to "charge" their MPs a notional rental or to demand a fee for secretarial and publicity activities involved in organising surgeries or in answering "non-political" enquiries from constituents. MPs then make a claim to the House of Commons Fees Office against their annual allowance.

MPs occasionally make payments to their local parties from their own pockets. This practice contravenes the Maxwell-Fyfe rules, which were introduced in the late 1940s to free MPs from financial demands and, thereby, to open the opportunity for men and women of moderate means to stand as candidates.

In one extreme case, a Tory MP last year contributed more than half of the budget of his Midlands constituency. A London MP contributed £6,000 for "part employment" of the party agent and an additional £5,451 for "office and equipment and for publicity for advice centres". An agent in the Home Counties has said his local party would have terminated his employment had it not been for a significant contribution from the MP. More often, the MP is expected to give between £1,000 and £5,000. My research, which has not covered all associations, has revealed nearly 40 constituencies in which the accounts show payments by the Conservative MP. In total, Tory MPs are probably contributing at least £250,000 to their parties, most of it from their official allowances.

One MP reported that he had been approached for money by his local association as soon as he had been elected. He said that it was fairly easy to justify to the House of Commons Fees Office payments to the constituency party office for answering constituents' enquiries and similar activities.

> Local parties are tending to charge for organising surgeries and answering enquiries

Considering the sharp fall in membership, many local parties have been surprisingly successful in maintaining their finances, although some are in crisis and have had to dismiss their agents. An analysis of 120 constituency budgets indicates an average income in 1993 of £26,000 and a total for all associations in Britain of £16.7 million. This was only 15 per cent lower, in real terms, than in 1973, when membership was three times larger.

Small fund-raising events organised by branches remain a mainstay of some associations, but many have had to look elsewhere. The change in the 1980s to computer-generated letters and reminders has cost the party members but also has resulted in a striking increase in the average membership subscription. In 1973 it was 31p (£2 at today's values). This has grown to about £10 today. Although the drop in membership has had damaging political effects, today's half million subscriptions raise twice as much, in real terms, as the 1.5 million subscriptions of 1973.

Some associations have succeeded in forming lunch and dinner clubs catering mainly for businessmen. The "rubber chicken" circuit typically aims to invite a minister or personality to meet a select circle of members willing to subscribe £100-£200 a year.

The local associations have been indispensible to Conservative Central Office in providing loans to help to finance its multimillion-pound debts. These loans constitute most of the £3.6 million in cash deposits shown in the latest Central Office accounts (up to March 31, 1994). But Central Office has found it increasingly difficult to persuade local parties to make payments to the central organisation under the long-established "quota" scheme. In the 1960s and 1970s the quotas provided about one-fifth of Central Office's income. In 1993-94 the constituencies gave only £745,000. This was 5 per cent of the £14.1 million raised by the national party.

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CHRIS HARRIS



Jeremy Hanley, chairman of the party, who faces the high-profile task of boosting its image as well as its income

Costs rise as morale declines

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

LIFE for Tory organisers in the party's more marginal seats is becoming a never-ending struggle against falling membership, declining income, rising costs and sagging morale.

In Edmonton, a run-down north London seat won by Ian Twinn in 1983, Neil Johnston, the local agent, has seen annual income fall steadily since the late 1980s. From a peak of about £35,000 it has now dropped below £30,000, while costs have continued to rise. "We really ought to be taking in £40,000 by now," Mr Johnston said.

From that sum, the local party has to pay the salaries of Mr Johnston and a part-time secretary, and to finance election campaigns. Local membership has fallen from a peak of 1,500 to a figure now described as "ranking in hundreds rather than thousands". With a majority of just 593, the party cannot afford to go into the next election with a depleted war-chest.

The constituency does not pay a penny of its £4,000 quota to central office. In fact, the flow of finances is on the opposite direction, with Smith Square helping out from time to time. The cost of the constituency office is covered by the local Conservative club.

For Mr Johnston, the only solution is for central office to abandon its vision of an agent in every constituency and to maximise the efficiency of existing resources. He believes the three Enfield seats could be run with two agents and one office, pooling computer and printing equipment and overheads. The three seats have three offices, all within five minutes' drive of each other, often duplicating each other's work.

In largely rural Amber Valley in Derbyshire, the outlook is slightly less bleak but finances are still a constant cause for concern. Phillip Oppenheim won the newly created seat in 1983 but has seen his majority pared down to a vulnerable 712 in 1992.

Income has remained fairly stable at between £20,000 and £30,000 a year, but that has not been enough to pay the £15,000 needed to employ an agent and to leave enough for an office and campaigning. The constituency has never before fought an election without an agent and Joyce Kerr, the association chairman, says she is "desperate" to have one in place well before John Major next goes to the polls.

The association is set a nominal quota of £5,000 but never pays more than £250 towards it. "We simply don't have the money," Mrs Kerr said. But unlike Edmonton, party membership in Amber Valley has remained static in recent years.



Twinn: his local party cannot pay its quota

Neither constituency boasts a Young Conservative branch — the level of membership simply does not support a separate organisation. In Amber Valley young members are absorbed into the main branches. In Edmonton, a short-lived YC branch fizzled out in the late 1980s. Young activists join the thriving YC branches in Enfield North and in Enfield Southgate.

Both seats rely heavily on activists to organise coffee mornings, whist drives, cheese and wine parties, barbecues and constituency dinners. Neither has large corporate donors, although small businesses do contribute a large chunk of total funds.

The most financially rewarding event is the lunch or supper with a big-name minister. When Kenneth Clarke descended on Edmonton last November, 260 local supporters turned out, raising £8,000, a constituency record.

Skilled workers first to defect

BY PETER RIDDELL

THE biggest loss in Tory support since the last general election has been among middle-aged, working-class home-buyers, according to a new MORI analysis for *The Times*.

The MORI figures, based on interviews in the July to September period, show the profiles of the people who say they voted Conservative in the April 1992 election. Of those who have switched to one of the other main parties, two-thirds now back Labour and a third the Liberal Democrats.

The analysis shows that the highest proportion of those switching away from the Tories has been among home-buyers, most of whom have mortgages. Home-buyers represent 47 per cent of Tory loyalists but 54 per cent of those switching to other parties. Many of them have homes whose price is lower than they paid and, in some cases, than their mortgages. There is apparently little gratitude in this group about the fall in interest rates during the 1990s. Those who own their homes outright are more likely to be loyalists than switchers.

Those who have switched from the Tories are markedly less optimistic about the economic outlook than those who have remained loyal.

Those who work full-time are also more likely to have switched away from the Tories, while those not-working, including the retired, are more likely to have remained loyal.

Professional people and managers are more likely to be loyalists than be switchers. However, skilled workers, among whom the Tories made big inroads in 1979, are much more likely to be switchers than loyalists.

The latest poll also contradicts claims that Tony Blair is attracting much more support from women than men. The gap between Labour and the Tories among men was 33 points in the July-to-September quarter compared with 27 points in the previous three months. The Labour-Tory gap among women widened from 20 to 27 points.

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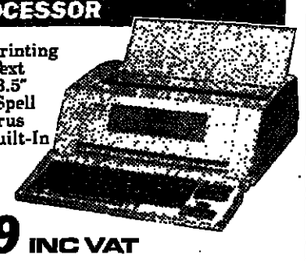
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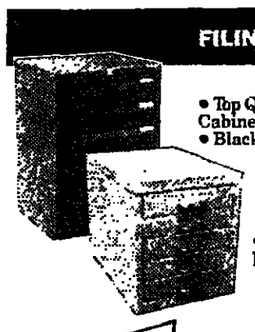
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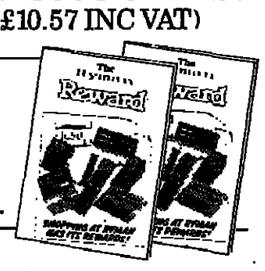
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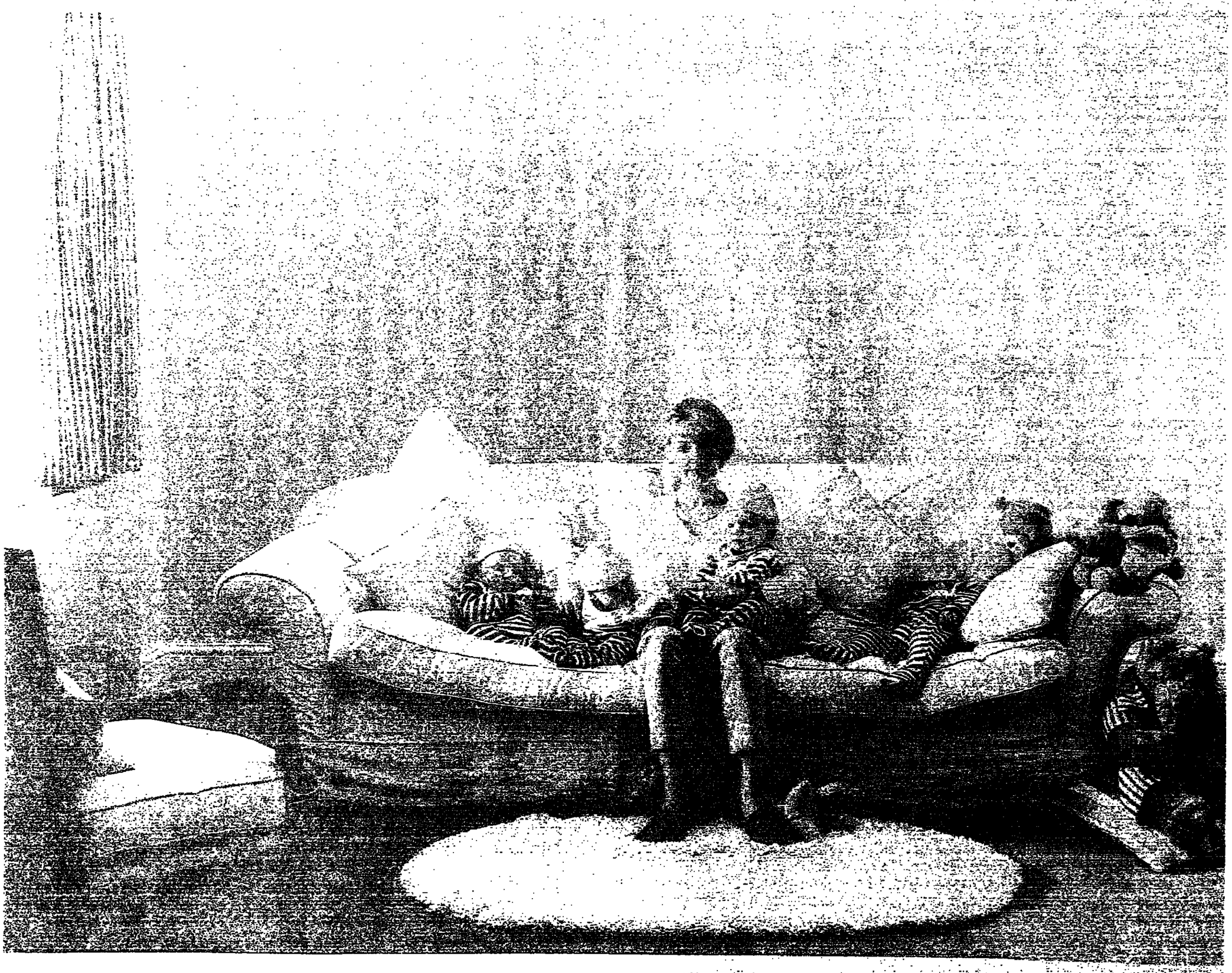
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West has little room for manoeuvre as dictator calls the tune

BY LAWRENCE FREEDMAN

COMMENTARY

IRAQI troops, according to Iraq's Ambassador to the UN, are "moving away" from the Basra area in the south. Nevertheless the mere presence of Iraqi divisions near the Kuwait border has sent the international community into a frenzy over the past few days. It has prompted a Kuwaiti mobilisation, the dispatch of thousands of US troops to the emirate, the movement of aircraft carriers into battle positions, and urgent planning for a new Gulf War.

This must all be a source of wry amusement to President Saddam Hussein, a man whose power is based on intimidating opponents and whose capacity for military adventurism was supposed to have been curtailed forever. He can still scare the West. His enemies may restrict him at every turn, but they dare not ignore him.

Saddam may have made calamitous strategic blunders before, but he knows enough not to allow his new army to suffer the fate of his old army at the hands of US aircraft or to invite attacks on Baghdad, by an incursion into Kuwait. Whatever his immediate purpose, it fits a pattern of modulated provocation. Enough is done to test the state of alert and interest of the international community and ensure his views are heard, but not so much as to start a new war.

The basic point he is making is that he is still in power. His country suffers economic deprivation, the conditions of everyday life have deteriorated dramatically, the Kurds have become increasingly independent, he has minimal standing in the Arab world, he is forever dealing with local plots and conspiracies. United Nations inspectors have exposed and then dismantled his chemical and nuclear weapons programmes, a redrawn border with Kuwait has been imposed, and he remains the target of a punitive sanctions regime.

Yet neither his defiance nor his ruthlessness have been diminished. His rule rests on the strength and loyalty of the police and army, Sunni fears of the Shias and Kurds, and a readiness by the Iraqis to blame the UN rather than Saddam for their plight.

For the allies, this is a matter of extraordinary frustration. The strategy adopted in "Desert Storm" was to adhere strictly to the dictates of a restricted political mandate. The task was to expel Iraqi forces from Kuwait but not to change the Iraqi government. After the war the objectives were to eliminate any Iraqi capacity for mass destruction, sort out the border dispute with Kuwait, and limit the damage Saddam could do his own people. The survival of Saddam himself was not a formal objective of policy. This would have raised awkward issues of principle and it would have been hard to believe that he was going to be a long-term problem. Surely, it was assumed, any leader who had brought such catastrophes on his country could not survive for long.

As Saddam survived the humiliation of defeat and the postwar insurrection of Kurds and Shias, the persistence of his regime started to appear as a rebuke to the allies. Sanctions came to be seen as a means of encouraging political change in Iraq. The Iraqis were reminded that their suffering will cease and their rehabilitation begin only when they no longer let themselves be ruled by Saddam. As Saddam himself is well aware of the traditional fate of those at the wrong end of political change in Iraq, he has worked to deny his people this option.

His survival has tarnished the achievements of the Gulf War. It was one reason why George Bush's presidency ended with an inconclusive spat with Saddam over the enforcement of no-fly zones to the north and south of the country. When President Clinton arrived in office, Saddam hoped that the conflict could be depersonalised. In return for promises of good behaviour, and with the conditions of UN resolutions honoured, the sanctions could be lifted. But Mr Clinton dare not claim that Saddam is now a man to do business with or whose behaviour towards his own people can be condoned.

The dilemma remains stark. So long as Saddam is in power, Iraq cannot rejoin international society. Yet there are no ways of removing Saddam other than waiting on the mysterious and brutal mechanisms of Iraqi politics.

Saddam tells key guards to remain in Baghdad

BY MICHAEL EVANS, AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

KEY elements of the Iraqi Republican Guards and special forces units have been ordered to stay around Baghdad to protect President Saddam Hussein, the clearest sign that the Iraqi leader is unsure of his own survival prospects.

Although it was the movement south of Republican Guard divisions that alerted the West to a second potential threat to Kuwait, substantial forces have been kept back. That movement came as the United Nations was about to receive a favourable report on Iraq's compliance with efforts to bring its weapons capability under a system of UN monitoring.

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Prime assets in the Iraqi armed forces, including tanks, artillery and communications, are also being dispersed around the country because of the fear of an American attack. Despite the build-up of about 80,000 Iraqi troops, none of the Republican Guard forces has yet taken up offensive positions. A substantial part of the Iraqi line-up was also already in southern Iraq as a permanent garrison of regular army forces around Basra.

The Hammurabi Republican Guard division, "the one that got away" at the end of the Gulf War, is among the 80,000 Iraqi troops now located around Basra and the southern town of az-Zubayr, about 13 miles from Kuwait.

The elite division escaped attack by the US-led coalition forces in 1991 after the decision by President Bush to stop the ground war 100 hours after the land campaign began because he did not wish to commit further slaughter on the retreating Iraqi troops. The decision followed the US air raids on Iraqi forces retreating from Kuwait City who were ambushed at Mutlaa Pass, north of the Kuwaiti capital. Now the Hammurabi division, equipped with T72 tanks, is based near az-Zubayr, "uncomfortably close to the border", according to military sources yesterday.

The Republican Guard divisions which have moved south are composed of brigades and battalions that have been located in different parts of Iraq. There was still evidence yesterday of a considerable movement of troops from around the country.

The military sources emphasised yesterday that the morale of the Iraqi troops was very poor. Assessing exact numbers of soldiers in each division was increasingly difficult because of the many desertions.

Saddam's moves appeared to have been tied to the expected announcement of the UN assessment of Iraq's compliance with resolutions requiring monitoring of its weapons capability. A UN report acknowledged that Baghdad had passed a big landmark in its effort to win the lifting of the oil embargo by co-operating with the creation of a UN system to monitor its future weapons capability. Rolf Ekeus, the chairman of the UN special commission set up to dismantle Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, said that the crucial monitoring system required by the terms of the Gulf War ceasefire was now up and running.

His report will be presented to the full Security Council today, but *The Times* obtained an advance copy that spoke of important progress in the effort to ensure that Iraq does not acquire an arsenal of ballistic missiles and chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

Western diplomats said that the positive report would have increased pressure on the Security Council to lift the oil embargo.

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Kuwaiti soldiers on tank patrol yesterday in the emirate's northern desert, near the border with Iraq, as the build-up of troops in the region continued apace

Confident Kuwaiti forces move up to frontier

■ **Whatever Saddam does next, Kuwaiti troops are resolved not to repeat their ignominious retreat of 1990, Christopher Walker reports from the Iraq-Kuwait border**

The bleak desert killing grounds north of Kuwait City, still littered with the grotesque debris of the last Gulf War, were yesterday the scene of intensive military preparations designed to deter President Saddam Hussein's forces from invading for a second time.

Although upward of 70,000 Iraqi troops were described by senior Kuwaiti officers as continuing to move south from positions less than 15 miles from where we stood, the morale of the Kuwaiti troops was high. For those who had witnessed the small army's humiliation in 1990, the transformation was little short of miraculous.

"We are ready for any invasion. I am very proud of my men; they now have the experience from the liberation of Kuwait [in 1991]. We are not going to run away from the Iraqis this time," pledged Major-General Ali al-Muamin, Chief of Staff of the Kuwaiti army. Apart from the thin line of Yugoslav-built M84 Kuwaiti tanks dug deep into the sand in a line stretching as far as the horizon, the source of the Kuwaiti confidence in face of huge odds was soon made clear as two F15s roared overhead.

The American warplanes, followed by two other Allied jets, then swept low. In flat terrain without any form of cover, the message they relayed to the Iraqi soldiers was starkly clear: advance without air cover at your peril. Like all Kuwaitis, who do nothing to disguise their gratitude to the Western forces rushing to their aid, General Muamin was frank about his hopes for the swift arrival of more outside support. "We count on our brothers in arms and brothers in blood," he said. "They will give us the energy and will to defend our country."

The confidence of the Kuwaitis was reflected in their unexpected decision to permit more than 100 journalists in three tourist coaches to approach within less than five miles of the border only hours before the Iraqi deadline for the lifting of UN sanctions expired. With little to be seen moving in the huge area now declared by Kuwait a closed military zone, out of bounds to civilians, the reality of the military situation was driven home when the normally polite general acidly refused to reveal details of where we had stopped.

"I am not going to do that. I would help them to find these men," he said, gesturing to tanks still bearing the coded markings painted on them in the last Gulf War to try to avert so-called "friendly fire" attacks.

The drive of less than 90 minutes from the heart of Kuwait City was a reminder of the speed with which any Iraqi armoured advance could theoretically sweep south. But the remains of the last retreat in what became known as the "turkey shoot" of the Mutlaa Pass were still there to show the price they could pay if they invaded again. In a macabre incident, a Kuwaiti minder picked up the remains of an old Iraqi uniform and boot still buried in the sand at the side of the road where the fleeing Iraqis were slaughtered from the air on the road to Baghdad.



Western experts believe Iraqi tank columns would be attacked by round-the-clock air and missile strikes if they were to try to move south across the demilitarised zone which straddles the border. It was clear the new 10ft-deep and 16ft-wide Kuwaiti security ditch would do little to deter them.

Many of the intelligence officials monitoring the situation along the border in southern Iraq assume that Saddam may soon try to use the thousands of protesting *bidoon*, or stateless Arabs, now encamped there to emulate the "green march" once organised by King Hassan of Morocco, who dispatched thousands of his people to the disputed Western Sahara.

"At this point we are in a defensive mode. We shall leave these people to be dealt with by the proper agencies such as the Red Cross, the UN and the police," pledged General Muamin. "But some of them are in very good physical shape. They do not look like civilians to me."

Whatever happens on the ground over the next 48 hours, a dispute which dates back to 1922 when Sir Percy Cox, the British negotiator of the break-up of the Ottoman Empire, drew an arbitrary line on a map which left Iraq virtually landlocked seems unlikely to go away.

Kozyrev's peace moves raise boycott suspicions

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

ANDREI Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, indicated yesterday that the Kremlin was working behind the scenes to broker a negotiated settlement to the Gulf crisis.

The initiative raised suspicions, however, that Moscow was simply trying to help President Saddam Hussein in his efforts to get United Nations sanctions on Iraq eased, so unlocking a big export market for Russia.

Mr Kozyrev said after talks by telephone with Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, that the threat of renewed hostilities on the Iraq-Kuwait border could be averted through dialogue. "We are in close contact with the UN Security Council," the Russian minister said. "As we see it, it is still possible to settle the problem by diplomatic and political means." Russia, one of the few countries still with an embassy open in Baghdad, has already sent a letter to Muhammad Saeed al-Sahhaf, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, urging the leadership to pull back its forces from the Kuwaiti border and to announce that it has no hostile intent towards the emirate.

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However, there are fears among Western diplomats in Moscow that Russia's intervention may be calculated to assist Iraq's dictator in his ultimate objective of having the sanctions lifted.

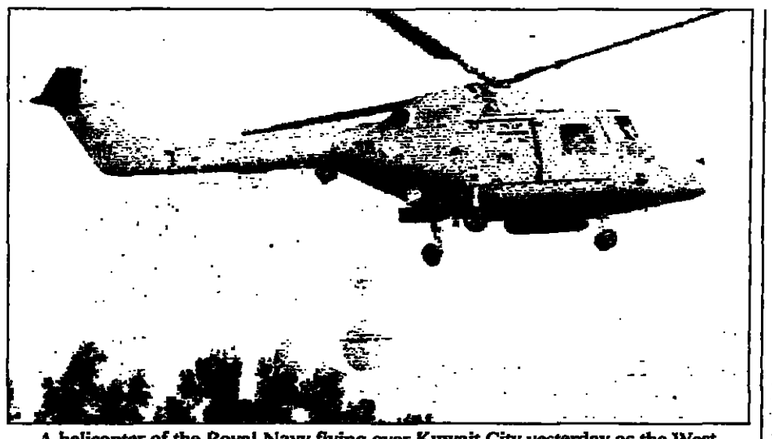
Although Moscow supported the American-led coalition forces during the Gulf War and signed a defence and co-operation agreement with Kuwait last year, more recently it has been lobbying hard behind the scenes to have the four-year boycott of Iraq lifted.

Yesterday's remarks coincided with the first visit to Moscow of an Iraqi Oil Minister since the Gulf War in 1991. Safa Hadi Jawad is scheduled to discuss contracts for Russian oil companies worth nearly £2 billion.

In addition, Moscow is still owed more than £5 billion by Iraq for huge stockpiles of tanks, aircraft and artillery, which Baghdad can repay only when it is allowed to export its oil again. "The Iraqis have been exerting a lot of pressure on Moscow to help them fight their case and they now have many friends in government and business who are prepared to assist them," a diplomat said.

Until the present crisis erupted, Russian diplomats, trade officials and arms manufacturers had been widely predicting that exports to Iraq would resume soon because Baghdad had complied with the UN resolutions dealing with the elimination and monitoring of weapons of mass destruction. Only last month, Russian and Iraqi trade ministers met in Moscow to discuss renewing trade and technical co-operation once sanctions are lifted.

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A helicopter of the Royal Navy flying over Kuwait City yesterday as the West reinforced its power in the Gulf in response to the Iraqi border build-up

Hurd rallies aid for emirate

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

REACTION

BRITAIN has taken a lead among European Union members in galvanising support for Kuwait and offering immediate military aid.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, has contacted all the leaders of the region, and is likely to join forces with Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, in reassuring Gulf leaders of Western support. Mr Christopher is to fly to Kuwait for a meeting of the Gulf Co-operation Council tomorrow.

Britain still has enormous influence in the Middle East. Germany, which now holds the EU presidency, is unable to take any initiatives in view of the hectic campaigning leading up to the general election on Sunday, and France also appears reluctant to take a lead in the Gulf.

Most countries of the former Gulf War coalition have warned Iraq against any renewed attack on Kuwait. A key factor will be the attitude of three of Iraq's immediate neighbours, Iran, Turkey and Jordan. Iran, which remained neutral during the war, yesterday called for a lifting of sanctions against Baghdad, and said that rising tensions between Iraq and Kuwait were serving the "enemies of Islam". Mehmet Golhan, the Turkish Defence Minister, suggested that his country might not allow the 50 British, French and American planes, stationed at Incirlik to enforce the northern no-fly zone, to use the vital staging post in any attack on Iraq.

King Husain of Jordan issued a warning to President Saddam Hussein not to repeat "the mistakes of 1990", and said Jordan would oppose the use of force by one Arab country against another. His warning was in strong contrast to the more sympathetic stance towards Iraq adopted by Jordan in 1990.

ISRAEL

Rabin rules out Scud raids repeat

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, struck a note of calm yesterday about the tension in the Gulf, and military analysts said a repeat of Gulf War Iraqi Scud attacks was unlikely in the present situation.

"We do not see at this stage any problem for Israel. Israel is strong militarily and can cope with any eventuality," Mr Rabin said.

Joseph Alpher, director of the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University, said that "Saddam Hussein may still have some capacity to fire missiles at Israel and you can assume he has hidden a few away. But he certainly cannot muster the kind of attack he did four years ago".

Mr Alpher said that, in contrast to Iraqi pronouncements on the eve of the Gulf War, no threats had been directed against Israel during the present confrontation.

Israel's real worries would begin if United Nations sanctions on Baghdad were lifted, he added. "The moment these sanctions are removed the red lights will go on here. There will be a new sense of urgency in following Iraq's almost inevitable efforts to develop non-conventional weapons and means of delivery."

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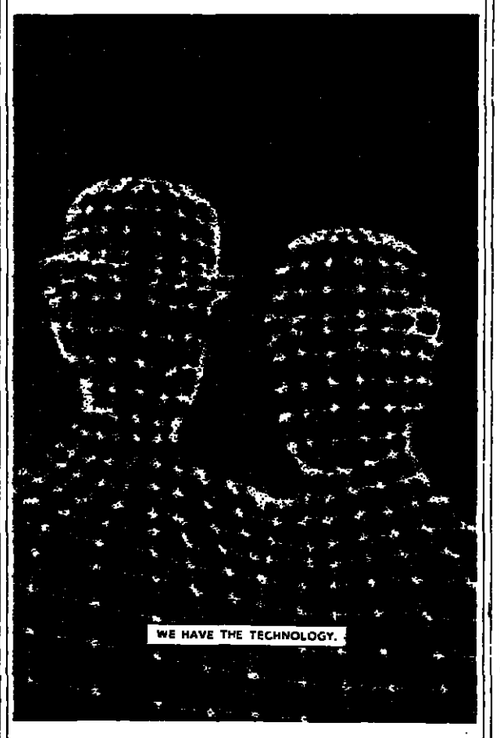
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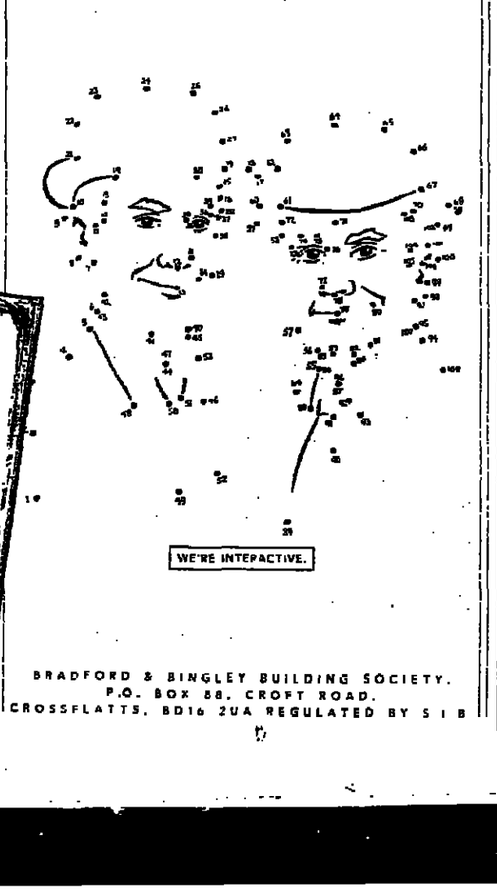




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Haiti junta leaders pack their bags

FROM TOM RHODES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

THE leader of Haiti's junta, Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras, announced his resignation yesterday from the balcony of the military headquarters in Port-au-Prince amid cheers from crowds of civilians who had gathered to watch the end of a three-year reign of terror.

General Cédras, 45, said he would be standing down and leaving the country. "I will not be with you. I will be leaving the country to protect you," he told the crowd. "Where I will be I will suffer, but will be happy when you are happy, and I am sure that in a little bit of time you will have a peaceful country."

American soldiers were forced to fire into the air to prevent the crowd from attacking the general's car as he left the headquarters to drive to his home. Frightened bystanders dived to the ground.

Numerous US military vehicles guarded the Cédras home as he and his family entered it for perhaps the last time. A small crowd of supporters of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the ousted President, gathered outside and appeared to be waiting for the leader to leave before the now commonplace looting began.

General Cédras had already accepted the resignation of Brigadier-General Philippe Biamby, the army chief of staff. The departure of the two remaining leaders of the country's military regime removes the final hurdle preventing the return of Mr Aristide — ousted by their military coup on September 30, 1991 — who had made it clear he would not go back to Haiti unless all three of the coup leaders, including Lieutenant-Colonel Michel François, the police commander who left the country last week, were out of office.

Yesterday's announcement, which came two days earlier than expected under the terms of an accord signed by Jimmy Carter, the former American President, and Emile Jonaissaint, the provisional president, was thought to pave the way for the departure of Mr Jonassaint himself from the presidential palace.

US officials welcomed the resignation of General Cédras, which appeared to have been brokered last weekend between the military commander and William Perry, the US Secretary of Defence, who met General Cédras at the international airport. Also present at the meeting were General John Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Lieutenant-General Hugh Shelton, the commander of US forces in Haiti, who later had further talks with the Haitian general.

"Aristide needs to get his people in here as soon as possible so that the problems can be identified and his government can get off to a running start," said one official. "The sooner Jonassaint and Cédras are out of there, the better for all concerned."

Although the Carter agreement did not require General Cédras to leave his homeland, growing pressure against him from his own followers in recent days has made it likely that he would do so. At the same time, an amnesty law passed by the parliament last Friday does not appear to protect him or his fellow military officers from prosecution for crimes they and their troops are accused of ordering in the past three years, including murder, rape, torture, arson and extortion. Among the countries General Cédras is believed to be considering for his exile are Panama, Spain and Italy. An official statement last week barring the coup leaders from the Dominican Republic has prevented either him or General Biamby from following the path chosen by Colonel François.

Despite the extensive US military presence in the capital in the build-up to Mr Aristide's return, several attacks have taken place against pro-democracy supporters in other parts of the country. At least 14 people were killed when a bus, believed to have been driven by paramilitary Attachés, ploughed into a demonstration at Djimezen, near the southern town of Les Cayes. A similar attack left ten dead in St Marc, north of Port-au-Prince.

Hamas claims attack on Israeli cafés

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

HAMAS, the Islamic Resistance Movement, claimed responsibility yesterday for an attack in Jerusalem which killed two people and wounded 13, raising tensions during a visit by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State. Among the wounded was an American, Scott Dobberstein, an employee of the US Agency for International Development.

The two gunmen who perpetrated the attack just before midnight on Sunday were killed by Israeli police after they sprayed pavement cafés with bullets and tossed grenades in the crowded Nahalat Shiva area, a centre of Jerusalem's nightlife. One of the gunmen was identified by police as Hussein Abbas Mahmoud, a resident of the Gaza Strip, and the second as Mahama al-Jowary al-Siso, an Egyptian resident of Gaza.

While the carnage was condemned by aides to Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Mr Christopher called on him personally to condemn the attack, saying: "That is part of his responsibility because it is an interference with his efforts to achieve peace."

The military wing of Hamas wrote in a leaflet that the attack came in revenge for the fatal shootings of 16 Palestinians at al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem by Israeli security forces on October 8, 1990. Hamas said the attack would "open a new stage in the blessed *jihad* [holy war]". Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, vowed that the attack would not be allowed to derail peace efforts. Mr Christopher, who heads for Damascus today for talks with President Assad of Syria, said the bloodshed offered fresh evidence that Hamas was an enemy of peace. The attack delayed for several hours talks between the PLO and Israel about Palestinian elections. Danny Rothschild, the Israeli chief negotiator, said: "We're starting this round with a sad and angry feeling for what happened yesterday, but the fact we are here shows ... those willing to stop the negotiations by terror will not succeed."



Israeli border police searching for gunmen at the scene of an Arab attack in Nahalat Shiva, centre of Jerusalem's night-club district

Recession-hit California warms to crackdown on illegal migrants

MID-TERM ELECTIONS

■ The President hopes immigration controls will aid the Democrats' cause on the West Coast

CROUCHED in a gap in the Mexican border fence with a commanding view of Smugglers' Canyon and the Tijuana river, Alfredo Ruiz declares coolly that his dash to America will be "as easy as ever".

Under cover of darkness he will sprint down the canyon, dodge the vehicles and horses of the US Border Patrol and, like millions before him, melt into the back streets of San Ysidro, to find transport to the fruit farms and the low-paid jobs of California's Central Valley.

In fact Señor Ruiz has chosen a bad day. Since the weekend, he and countless other hopefuls have faced a border patrol massively strengthened by a $45 million (£28.5 million) initiative, dubbed Operation Gatekeeper. It has been launched in a climate of growing anti-immigrant hysteria among Californians, just weeks before they vote, in the mid-term November elections, on a proposal to deny education and healthcare to the state's 1.5 million illegal immigrants. The timing of the operation is widely seen as an effort by President Clinton to support fellow Democrats in the elections by being seen to take concrete action on immigration.

The highly controversial Proposition 187 has triggered anger over its requirement that school and hospital administrators must report to immigration officials anyone suspected of being an illegal alien. Civic leaders and most Democratic politicians have condemned the proposition, the first of its kind in America, as a step towards a "police state" in which children could be reported to the authorities merely because of their accent or skin colour. Proposition 187 has, nevertheless, struck a nerve in a state where undocumented immigrants make up 4.6 per cent of the population, more than twice the national average, and half a million would-be immigrants are arrested and turned back at Tijuana alone every year.

Prolonged recession has left an apparent majority of Californians convinced that immigration is the main cause of their economic ills. Polls indicate that the proposition, which started life as a petition, will win the simple majority it needs in the November ballot to become law, bypassing the state assembly and surprising even its proponents. Opponents have been forced into a rearguard action, refusing to label Proposition 187 as racist for fear of seeming to accuse those it hopes to win over. Instead, Taxpayers Against 187, the main opposition group, argues that the proposition will cost California $15 billion a year in lost federal support for illegal aliens. Spokesman Joel Maliniak also claims that the campaign is supported by the Pioneer Fund, a New York-based white supremacist group. "There is no need for us to call 187 racist," he says. "Voters here are intelligent enough to make the connection for themselves."

Charges of "immigrant bashing" are, meanwhile, at the centre of an increasingly ugly race for the powerful job of California Governor. Pete Wilson, the Republican incumbent, has been accused by Kathleen Brown, his opponent, of "scapegoating" illegal immigrants with television advertisements showing police video footage of Mexicans charging the Tijuana border en masse, on the assumption that at least some will get through.

Medicine prize goes to America

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN STOCKHOLM

TWO Americans won the Nobel Prize for Medicine yesterday for discovering an internal "switchboard" in cells that has helped scientists understand diseases such as diabetes and cholera.

Alfred Gilman and Martin Rodbell, who will share the £620,000 prize, were the first to identify G-proteins and the role they play in letting cells react to signals from other cells, the Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute decided. "It is like a key component in a telephone switchboard," said Dr Bertil Fredholm, a professor of pharmacology there.

☐ New York: Richard Hausknecht, a Manhattan gynaecologist, has come up with a formula to get round the US ban on the RU-486 abortion-pill (James Bone writes). He has combined two drugs already on the market — but approved for other purposes — to perform more than 100 abortions by miscarriage.

Pretoria signs £188m accord with Europe

Johannesburg: South Africa yesterday signed a landmark trade, aid and investment accord with the European Union that will pave the way for more than one billion rands (about £188 million) in loans. Signing the co-agreement, Thabo Mbeki, a Deputy President, and Sir Leon Brittan, the EU Commissioner for External Affairs, said it was only the first step towards a permanent relationship.

Algiers killing

Paris: Roger Merle, 62, a Frenchman who had lived in Algiers for 20 years, was shot dead. He was the 19th French national to be killed in attacks by Algerian rebels. *(Reuter)*

Summit defeat

Kathmandu: Takashi Miyahara, a Japanese climber who at 60 would have been the oldest man to conquer Everest, failed by just 330ft when he lost sight in one eye. *(Reuter)*

Jaffna talks

Delhi: Sri Lanka's new government is about to open direct peace talks with the Tamil Tiger guerrilla group, the first in more than four years, in their shattered stronghold of Jaffna.

Cyprus initiative

London: President Clerides of Cyprus called for immediate face-to-face talks with Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, saying that he had room for manoeuvre to break their logjam.

Factory blast

Pune: Eight workers were killed and four injured in an explosion which blew the roof off a government ammunition factory near this western Indian city, police said. *(Reuter)*

Pipe dream

Copenhagen: Claudio Caviechi, of Italy, won the men's title at the eighth world pipesmoking championships in Denmark, puffing away for two hours, 52 minutes and 35 seconds. *(Reuter)*



Dentists add to

Bhutto has hundreds arrested on eve of opposition strike

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

BENAZIR Bhutto, the Pakistani Prime Minister, ordered the arrest yesterday of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of political opponents to disrupt an opposition-led strike today aimed at overthrowing her troubled year-old government.

The move dented hopes of sustained democracy in Pakistan. The fairest election in its 46-year history last October has not brought stability. Many of Miss Bhutto's opponents want army intervention.

The arrests are aimed at Nawaz Sharif, the opposition leader, whose aim is to make Pakistan ungovernable, just as Miss Bhutto did when in opposition. Manzoor Wattoo, Chief Minister of Punjab, the most important province, said Mr Sharif might be put under house arrest because of his "aggressive attitude". The opposition leader called the arrests the tactics "of a government not sure of its survival". Mr Sharif ordered his followers to go underground last night to avoid arrest and complained to international human rights organisations. The government insisted it had arrested only 713 people; this was contradicted by a government spokesman in Karachi, who said 1,100 people had been arrested there alone. The Muslim League put the national figure in thousands.



Bhutto: crackdown in her home province

Abu Bakar Shekhani, an opposition member of the National Assembly, said last night police had arrested about 3,000 people in Sindh, Miss Bhutto's home province.

The government was panicked by the wide response to Mr Sharif's call for halting industrial activities today. The Pakistan Human Rights Commission protested that large-scale arrests and arms searches were being conducted in "brazen violation" of human rights by the army.

Peking blames Britain for Taiwanese rally

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHINA launched a fierce attack on Britain yesterday after celebrations of Taiwan's independence were held in a government-owned building in Hong Kong. London, said the Peking government, faced "grave consequences".

In a sharply worded statement, the Chinese Foreign Ministry expressed "indignation" that the administration of the Governor, Chris Patten, had allowed the rally to go ahead at the Hong Kong cultural centre.

"The British move once again shows that what the British side says does not square with what it does, and that it lacks goodwill in improving Sino-British relations," it said.

"It has not only hurt the feelings of the Chinese people, but also added difficulties to Sino-British relations," it said, and added that Britain "shall be held responsible for the grave consequences arising therefrom".

Some 2,000 people had gathered at the cultural centre yesterday to sing Taiwan's national anthem and, with fists clenched, shout "Long life to the Republic of China", before watching a performance by pop and opera singers. The rally, which in previous years had been staged at a pro-Taiwan school, began with a politically charged speech by John Ni, Taipei's top official in Hong Kong, who held up the island as a champion of democracy and freedom. He delivered the same message at a party later, attended by several hundred at a hotel owned by Li Kashing, Hong Kong's leading tycoon, who has close relations with China's leaders.

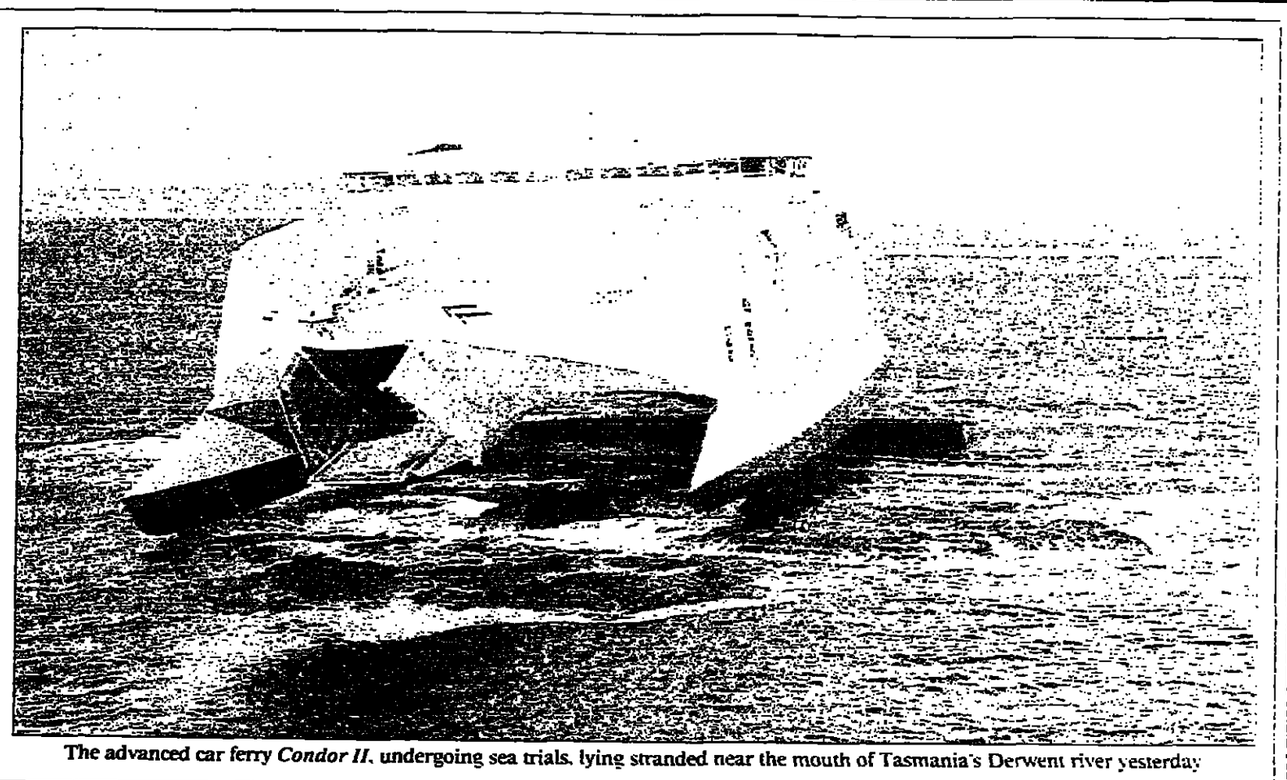
Express ferry runs aground in trials

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN HOBART, TASMANIA

REPAIR teams worked yesterday to refloat a new catamaran car ferry which ran aground on a reef near Hobart, Tasmania, during sea trials. Forty-eight passengers and crew were rescued unharmed from the *Condor II* after it hit rocks at the entrance of the Derwent river in bad weather on Saturday.

The ship, designed to carry cars and passengers at high speed and destined for use in the English Channel and off Denmark, could take seven to ten days to move from the reef, its builder, Incat Tasmania, said. Repairs must be made to its dual pontoons, one of which was holed.

Damage to the ferry is estimated at $4 million (£2.7 million).



The advanced car ferry *Condor II*, undergoing sea trials, lying stranded near the mouth of Tasmania's Derwent river yesterday

Haider's meteoric rise destroys cosy Austrian consensus

BY ROGER BOYES

A STRANGE, blue-tinted champagne was being quaffed yesterday at the Vienna headquarters of Jörg Haider to celebrate the beginning of the end of the Austrian political class. Blue is the colour of Herr Haider's ultra-nationalist Freedom Party, but there should be no confusion with the British Tory blue. Herr Haider is as close to a revolutionary as Austrian politics has seen since the 1930s.

He has openly questioned the value of parliamentary democracy, urged rule by referendum and made his name on an anti-foreigner and anti-corruption ticket. That has been enough to put his small protest party within range of overtaking the conservative People's Party.

On the surface the result of Sunday's election does not seem to justify such grand assumptions about Herr Haider's future. The same government — a coalition of Socialists and the People's Party — will continue to rule. The Freedom Party remains in oppposition. But by losing its two-thirds majority in parliament, the coalition will have to take into account — even negotiate with — Herr Haider on crucial votes, including ratification of the referendum on European entry.

The Haider success — almost 23 per cent against 28 per cent for the long-established People's Party and 35 per cent for the Socialists — questions the comfortable, sloppy habits of long years of grand coalition government.

The two ruling parties, although they have their frictions, have grown together and can barely be distinguished on the basis of ideology or policy preference. The trend to political consensus has been mirrored in back-scratching arrangements that have infiltrated almost every corner of society: cosy relations between banks and state industry, between hospitals and insurance companies, between unions and employers. The structural "aversion to conflict" that Ralf Dahrendorf, the sociologist, once detected in German society applies more than ever to Austria.

Herr Haider has cut through these old patterns on a scale reminiscent of Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia. In so doing he has elevated the status of his right-wing protest party. His appeal, according to early analyses, was to blue-collar workers (disgruntled traditional Socialist voters) in cities, rural Catholics, farmers scared of European membership, the middle-aged unemployed, small shopkeepers and those in eastern Austria who feel most threatened by cheap labour and organised crime from Central Europe and the Balkans.

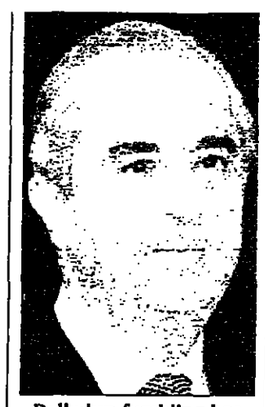
The People's Party now has a natural alternative partner to its lifelong stagnant marriage with the Socialists. By aligning with Herr Haider, it could present Austrians with a clear right-wing alternative. At the moment this is ruled out by all political actors. But as Herr Haider hurtles towards the Australian chancellorship contest in 1998, it is coming to seem the logical constellation.

The People's Party is already showing cracks. Even Alois Mock, the Foreign Minister — no friend of Herr Haider — reckons it may be time to jump ship and save the political profile of his party. As for Franz Vranitzky, the Chancellor, he is plainly about to serve his last term. The Socialist vote has melted and young voters now turn more readily to the Greens. Neither governing party has an answer to the Haider phenomenon. The tales of corruption that have seeped out of the coalition for the past four years are likely to continue, and Herr Haider can only benefit.

He could be on track to becoming the next leader of Austria. The European Union might then have two members — Rome and Vienna — committed to populist anti-immigration policies.



After poll gains Jörg Haider, Freedom Party chief, right, is greeted by general secretary Walter Meischberger



Balladur: fumbling has undermined support

Delors in poll lead as Right bickers

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

WITH ministers squabbling and Jacques Delors, the Socialist, leading an opinion poll for the first time, senior officials in France's governing Gaullist party have begun the groundwork to endorse Edouard Balladur as their sole presidential candidate.

Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister and Gaullist secretary-general, has given the first signal from the camp of Jacques Chirac, the party chief, that the disarray on the Right could drive loyalists to abandon him in favour of the Prime Minister.

"We must enable a Gaullist candidate to win. I do not want to lose. If Edouard Balladur is in a position to win, the RPR [Gaullists] will support him," he said. His remarks reflect fears in the Gaullist camp that the presidency could slip from their hands as a result of the internecine power struggle.

The warning was sounded in a poll by the IFOP organisation which shows M Delors, the most likely candidate of the Socialist Party, edging ahead of M Balladur, with 20 per cent against 19 per cent, while M Chirac receives only 10 per cent support.

M Balladur has tumbled recently from the pedestal he had occupied since taking office in April last year, largely because of sniping by M Chirac and his barons and his own fumbled efforts to protect his interests.

The Socialists are gleefully rubbing salt in the Gaullist wounds. "The gentle lethargy into which France fell under the influence of Balladurian rhetoric is now being shattered," Julien Dray, a Socialist MP, said yesterday. Meanwhile, M Delors, the outgoing President of the European Commission, maintains the silence which has so far stood him in good stead in the undeclared race.

Ottoman heirs keep faith of Croats alive

■ Fears that Turkish UN troops would side with the Bosnian Muslims against Catholic Croats have proved unfounded. Anthony Loyd writes from Podbrezje

Bosnia breeds many strange relationships, but the establishment of a Turkish officer as cult hero in a Croat village ranks among the more peculiar even by Balkan standards.

A year ago, if the Croat villagers had believed the myth of a coming Islamic state in Bosnia, then the establishment of a mujahidin headquarters in the local school at Podbrezje only confirmed their worst nightmares.

The village is perched deep in Bosnian government territory above Zenica, a sprawling industrial town of typical 1960s communist bleakness. Masked Arab fighters took to arriving at night and searching Catholic houses. They burnt any crucifixes or religious symbols they found.

The same men ransacked the chapel, throwing the altar down the aisle and tearing down the cross. Pictures of Christ and the Virgin Mary were destroyed, tombstones defaced with gunfire. The Croat community endured its ordeals with cowed silence. News of the imminent arrival of Turkish United Nations troops in the vicinity increased their despair.

"We thought, 'God, we already have the mujahidin, now the Turks are coming, too,'" said Zelko Peric, the village headman. The reality proved different.

The deployment of the 1,500-strong Turkish battalion in Bosnia has been the most contentious and politically sensitive of any UN unit there. The Ottoman empire, which lasted for 500 years, included the Bosnian state, Serbia, and at times extensive tracts of Croatia. It was under the Sultans that so many Slavs converted to Islam and fought for the Turks against the Christian foe. The Ottoman legacy is deeply enmeshed in the causes of the present war.

However, it was a patrol of Turks that came across the aftermath of the most recent attack on the chapel, only days after their arrival to Zenica in August this year. To the Croats' surprise, the Turkish officer and his men immediately began to clear up the damage.

"I didn't care if they were Catholics or Muslims. We happened to be by the chapel on one of our first patrols and saw this, and wanted to help these people," said Captain Mirve Oner, the officer concerned, and subsequently the unlikely hero of Podbrezje. There followed tentative approaches to the Turks by the Croats, and their initial repair of the desecrated chapel was transformed into a joint civil-military operation in which the building and its artefacts were fully restored.

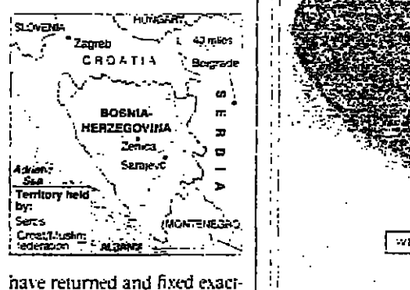
The mujahidin were not happy, and for a short time took to provoking the Turks by driving their vehicles at them. What followed is still unclear.

"There were some very strict measures undertaken by our commanding officer. Let us say they involved a very heavy armoured patrol: the mujahadin do not bother us any more," commented one officer.

The permanent positioning of two Turkish armoured personnel carriers in Podbrezje has discouraged any further action.

The Turks next embarked on repairing the village well, echoing a curious historical parable. "Hundreds of years ago the Sultan sent his emissaries throughout Bosnia to find the purest water," Zelko Peric related, as he wandered towards the spring. En route Mr Peric met Captain Oner, a commanding figure resplendent in aviator glasses, pistol and bayonet on his hip. They kissed each other on both cheeks.

"After a long time they returned," Mr Peric continued, "and the Sultan decreed the water from this spring to be the purest: it is still called the Sultan's well. It is strange that after so long the Turks have returned and fixed exactly the fountain of their people. We've been guarded here by the civilian police, the military police, people of this army, of that army — the only ones of any effectiveness are the Turks".



☐ **Sarajevo:** Bosnian Serbs said yesterday that they were ready to let fuel into Sarajevo but are continuing to block convoys of winter clothing and shelter for civilians, according to UN officials. *(Reuter)*

Dentists add to Bonn poll agony

FROM OUR BONN CORRESPONDENT

DENTISTS have increased the bad temper of Germany's election campaign. They complain they are not being paid by medical insurance companies because the cash for 1994 repayments has been exhausted, and dentists are telling non-emergency patients to come back next year.

Rudolf Dressler, the Social Democratic social affairs expert, said yesterday: "If dentists continue to refuse to carry out treatment, they will be in clear violation of the law." They should have their licences withdrawn or be made to pay fines, he said. The rival Bavarian Christian Social Union has joined the fray. "The insurance companies should immediately sever their relations with dentists who refuse to administer treatment," says the CSU health spokesman, Wolfgang Zöller. The companies say they have run out of funds because of rising demand for treatment and that the fault lies with the bad planning of Horst Seehofer, the Health Minister.

The unions are about to put forward their demands for the coming wage round and six days before the election the parties are having to say whether they stand for higher pay or a more restrictive wages policy. The huge metal workers' union, IG Metall, is expected today to put forward a demand for a 6 per cent wage increase. It is also insisting on a 35-hour week.

☐ **Close race:** An opinion poll in the magazine *Focus* showed Helmut Kohl's centre-right coalition two seats short of an absolute majority — 47.5 per cent of the vote, compared to the combined opposition's 48 per cent. *(Reuter)*

Where diplomacy means long nights on the tiles

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

HIS Excellency Anthony Milsson will always remember his first four months as a British ambassador with a shudder. After years of yearning to serve his country as a senior diplomat, he found himself sleeping on a wet bathroom floor in an attempt to escape the din from wedding parties downstairs at the paradoxically-named Grand Hotel in Skopje, capital of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Back in London, his counterpart, Risto Nikovski, was acclimatising to life as Skopje's Ambassador to the Court of St James, working from one room, sharing the telephone and photocopier with a Macedonian company, and travelling to and from work on the Tube. Both men are typical of the new breed of diplomats who have taken up posts in the aftermath of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Five years after the revolutions that swept away the barbed wire and spotlights, money is tight in London as well as Lithuania and neither the new republics nor Whitehall can afford the trappings usually associated with ambassadorial life. Pomp and comfortable circumstances are out; living rough is in.

Even the dourest Warsaw Pact country maintained marbled and magnificent embassies with small armies of political and defence attachés during the Cold War, but the dozen or so new missions to London now usually have two or three accredited diplomats sharing cramped offices in the West End. The American Embassy, in contrast, has well over 100 diplomats and even Turkey has nearly 40. British representatives abroad often have lifestyles that backpacking teenagers would find tough. Robert Barnett set out to take up his post as British Ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina earlier this year with a sleeping bag and Union flag tucked under his arm. He still has no satellite phone.

Oleg Yakovitski, the acting Chargé d'Affaires at the Belarus (Belorussian) Embassy, said: "Three people are accredited here, but the ambassador is away and at the moment there is only me and a driver. Our premises are in a three-storey, semi-detached house offered, by an expatriate living here for many years." He also voiced a common complaint: "Diplomats are not being paid as much as they need to live in Western countries."

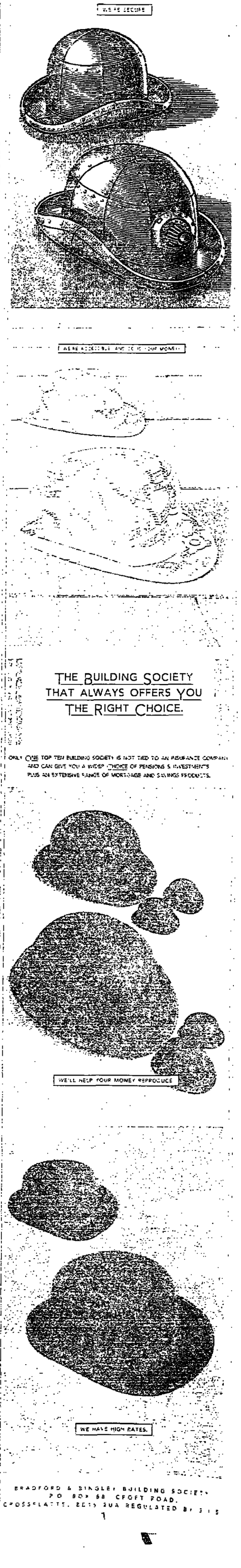
Dr Nijole Ambaite, Chargé d'Affaires and Economic Counsellor at the Lithuanian Embassy, said: "Life here is very expensive and we are understaffed."

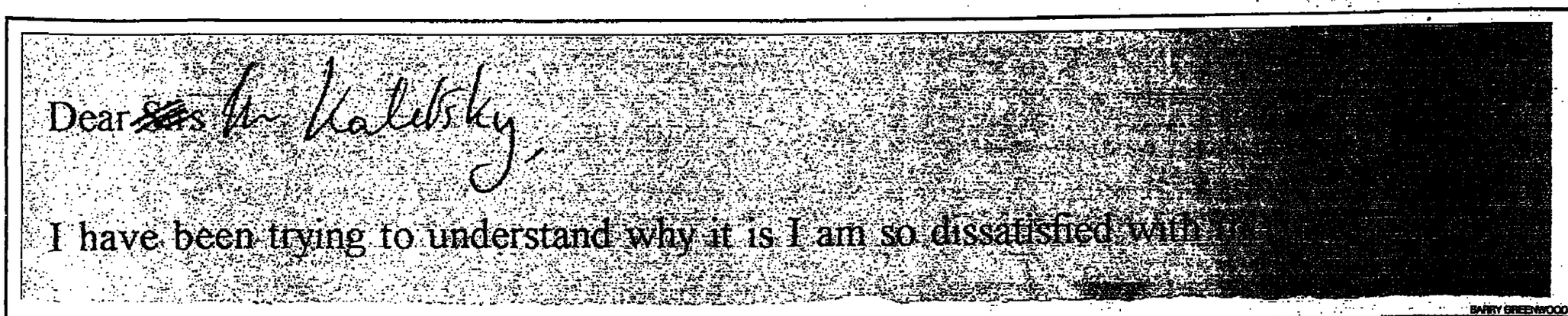
One of the main problems besetting the new missions in London is complaints from their nationals back home that they cannot wring visas to visit Britain from the British embassies there. However, as Mr Yakovitski points out: "There are 8,000 Belarussians living in the UK and if they all want just one person to visit them in a year, that is 8,000 visas. The waiting time is about two months and people are advised to go to the British embassies in Moscow or Warsaw, but that costs about a month's salary and there is no guarantee of success. We issue visas to Britons wanting to visit Belarus in two days."

The British Government says, however, that far more people from the new republics want to visit Britain than there are Britons wanting to visit them. "Many British missions simply do not have the wherewithal to issue visas; it really is one man and no dog in some cases," a spokesman said.

Lithuanians do not need visas to visit Britain, but many complain that they are subjected to lengthy interviews with British immigration officials on their arrival. "We ask our nationals to bring a letter of introduction because they can be questioned for a very long time, and some are turned back," said a Lithuanian Embassy spokesman.

In Skopje, Mr Milsson, 42, said: "I will never forget those first months at the Grand Hotel, but everything takes time. I have moved out of the hotel but I still don't have carpets, curtains or pictures on the wall and, while the water was cold in the Grand, a guest scolded himself on the hot water where I am now."





BARRY GREENWOOD

A letter to shake up the Tories



Nora and Robert Jewell: in his view, it is now impossible because of Tory taxes to raise a family with only one income. And if both parents work, crime ensues

Julia Llewellyn Smith on one man's reasons why the Conservatives have failed him disastrously

Robert Jewell really has nothing to grumble about. If you don't believe me, take a look at his large, detached house in a posh Manchester suburb. A company Toyota sits in the drive, another car is parked in the garage, there is a neat lawn at the front and back.

As you go into the house, wipe your feet, be careful not to set off the burglar alarm and take a look at the framed photographs on the walls. Here is Mr Jewell, arms round his wife, Nora. They have been married for 22 years. Here is his elder daughter Emma, who has just got a First from Cambridge. Here she is on graduation day, flanked by her beaming parents, her brother Michael, who has just gone up to Oxford and her sister, Katie, who attends a private day-school and will take her A levels next year.

Mr Jewell, 54, is a cheerful man, who knows he has a good life. He is an insurance broker, his wife is a teacher, their combined income is around £65,000. They are practising Catholics, who believe in hard work, the family and, until very recently, the Conservative Party.

Last month, however, Mr Jewell decided he was fed up. He had voted for the Tories all his life but his loyalty had not been rewarded.

Not quite the type to rampage through Hyde Park, Mr Jewell protested in his own way. He wrote a letter listing his grievances to Anatole Kaletsky, the economics editor of *The Times*.

"Dear Mr Kaletsky," he wrote, "I have been trying to understand why I am so dissatisfied with the Government." In the following three pages Mr Jewell grappled with his discontentment.

What had him boiling was the recent rise in base rates and an unexpected tax bill, which prompted him to look at his tax for the past four years. In 1990-91, 27.8 per cent of his income had been swallowed by tax and National Insurance. By 1993-94, the figure had risen to 36.2 per cent.

"It was really irritating," he says, sitting back in his armchair, a little ashamed to be complaining. "I'm on PAYE, so I don't expect adjustments that catch me out. I thought bugger this."

The rise had come about because Mr Jewell was suddenly no longer able to claim 18,000 business miles on his company car. Nothing else throughout that period had changed; Mr Jewell remained a married employee, with a large mortgage and no investments. His wife, Nora, still worked as a teacher.

"Everybody's seen their tax go up, but certain aspects impinge more heavily than others. Tax on company cars has offset the reductions that have come in base rate. In general, families have been hit disproportionately compared with the single and the elderly. Family allowance has been cut back and tax relief has gone."

The result, as Mr Jewell sees it, is that it is virtually impossible to bring up children on one income. Parents have to work when their children are small. The result, he believes, is crime and disaffection. In the past ten years, the Jewells have been burgled four times, had two bicycles stolen, had their garage raided three times and fridge raided three times. Mr Jewell admires Baroness Thatcher, yet believes her competitive policies have done nothing to encourage a sense of community and altruism.

Mrs Jewell stayed at home when her children were small, but then went back to work to help to pay the school fees. The grammar school down the road that her husband attended on a state scholarship is now private. "State schools were a lottery," he says. "We felt we weren't customers of the system. We would have moved into a house one third this size to give our children every advantage in life." Neither of them received a university grant.

"The economy is central to it all," he writes. "Many people saw how wrong the direction of policy was and how deep the recession had become years before the Government did. Had it not been forced out of the ERM we would still be wearing that hair shirt and yet they have the cheek to act now as though what improvement has come about is because they managed matters well . . . I don't really see how I can be expected to have any confidence in essentially the same political and professional team that dug the hole in the first place."

Mr Jewell comes from a line of Tory voters. "My family has always believed in the true values of free enterprise and that socialism did not take account of human nature." It is a conviction that kept him loyal even when he was made redundant in the first Conservative recession, and enabled him to dust himself down and start a business that sold eight years later for £300,000. "It's not a problem; there's a myriad of opportunities out there."

Despite Mr Jewell's entrepreneurial bent, disillusionment was creeping in. "I started getting cross three or four years ago," says Mr Jewell lunging across the carpet for the cafetiere. "But at the last election Neil Kinnock was not an acceptable alternative."

He can cope, however, with Tony Blair. "If he can get rid of the anachronisms, he looks promising. I'm very impressed by the decisiveness with which he's moved into the saddle." Meanwhile, the Conservatives are as directionless as a game of blind man's buff.

So, for the first time in his life, Mr Jewell is wavering. The next time he goes to the ballot box, he will ask himself two questions. "The first is: do the Tories deserve to continue in power? Answer: probably no.

"Question two: do the other lot deserve power? Answer: probably yes. Once I would have thought the consequences too dangerous. I wouldn't have trusted Michael Foot with defence and I would have been worried about taking the charitable status away from private schools. Not any more.

"The fact remains that the Conservatives have been 15 years in power and they need a rest." His letter concludes: "Since I have no ability to influence government in any way whatsoever, all I can do is let off some steam and hope it is of some amusement to you."

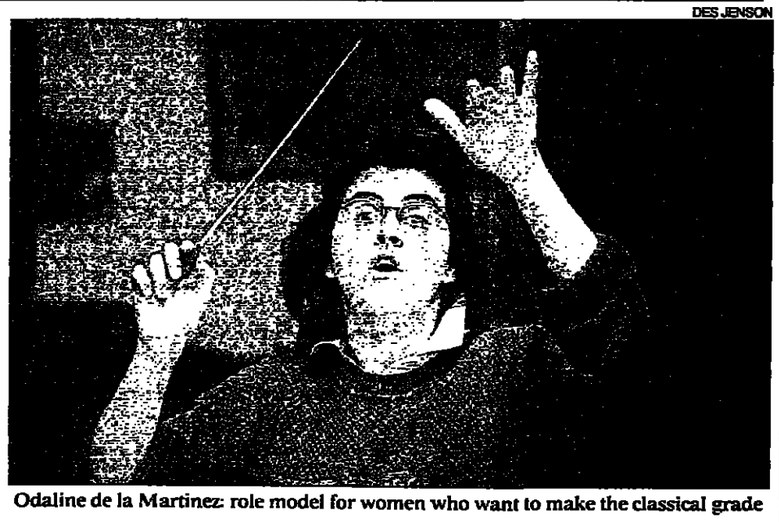
Mr Jewell is underestimating his clout. He and thousands of hard-working family men and women have the power to send the Conservatives into electoral oblivion, where their sister party in Canada was consigned last year.

"Capitalism red in tooth and claw is just as objectionable as communism, and Mr Blair is not a communist." If that thought amuses the Tories as they meet this morning, they must be even more weary than their seesawing supporters suspect.

The male world of conducting has a talented feminist foe. **Joanna Pitman** reports

Take the cue from her

DES JENSON



Odaline de la Martinez: role model for women who want to make the classical grade

How many British women conductors can you name? All right then, how many in the world? If you can name one or two, you are doing better than average. Even the Cuban-born Odaline de la Martinez, the first woman ever to conduct a BBC Promenade Concert at the Albert Hall, in 1984, and one of the few women regularly to take command on the international orchestral podium, can think of only six others, including Jane Glover, the British conductor.

De la Martinez says: "The role of conductor is seen as a position of responsibility and authority. It is still very difficult for women to win acceptance in that role unless they are dealing with an unusually enlightened musical director."

De la Martinez is fortunate in having a deep reserve of humour to help her to grapple with the big and boorish accumulation of prejudice and ignorance in her field.

She recounts with a good, thigh-slapping laugh the recent experience of a woman invited to be guest conductor for one of the Paris conservatory orchestras. "She was doing perfectly well in rehearsal until she cued the brass section. The five male musicians stood up and dropped their trousers. Can you believe it? But that was not the worst of it. The musical director decided not to reprimand the brass players, but instead to cancel her contract and put an end to women conducting his orchestras."

Two dark and fiery eyes roll in disbelief, and from side to side wags a striking head of glossy black hair shot through with a single streak of snowy white, reminiscent of the young Indira Gandhi.

She says: "The problem in this, as in many other areas, is one of ignorance as much as prejudice, and involves not only musical directors but also audiences. Because we are not used to seeing women conductors, it is easy for audiences to dismiss them as second best.

"It's like being told in an aeroplane that the pilot is a woman. You instinctively think 'Oh, my God! Are we safe?'. The only way of removing the ignorance is to ensure that we have loads of role models."

De la Martinez left Cuba, aged nine, in the 1950s during the revolution to stay with an aunt in the United States, and, after first choosing maths over the piano at university, she later won scholarships to study in Britain at the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music.

As director of the Cardiff Music Festival, this year she celebrated the history of women's contribution to music. Her brave programme incorporated works by Clara Schumann (wife of Robert), Fanny Mendelssohn (elder sister of Felix), Ethel Smyth and Judith Weir. Last week, De la Martinez ended the festival by conducting a new production of Nicola Lefanu's opera, *Dawnpath*, for three nights.

Her next dates are in South America, where she has a conducting engagement in Colombia, and then New Zealand and Canada, squeezing in the odd recording commission with Lontano, her chamber-music ensemble, and her European Women's Orchestra, during stopovers in Europe. She is also writing a history book on women in classical music.

Her grand and demanding global circumnavigations, from her home base in London, are a far cry from her origins in a rural Cuban community, where musical pleasures were exclusively Afro-Cuban.

She says: "My earliest memory of music was falling to sleep to the hypnotic sound of the drums and waking up at five in the morning when they stopped. Music even then was a joy to me and that is where I gained my love of strong rhythms."

Turning a brilliant phrase for his God and country

Archbishop Desmond Tutu has never held back from fighting the good fight

ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu is thicker around the waist than when he first challenged the apartheid authorities as a young lecturer at the Theological Seminary in Alice in the Eastern Cape. The hair under his purple skullcap is thinner and greyer, but he is no less anxious to do the right thing, and to see the right things done. He still turns a brilliant phrase, retells poignant anecdotes, and can compel a crowd to wave, to chant, to laugh and do his bidding.

I recall two years ago on the road from King Williams Town to Bisho still stained with the blood of 29 people mown down by the troops of the apartheid *mini-state* of Ciskei, Archbishop Tutu made the mourning crowd laugh, he had them repeating after him, "We shall be free . . . all of us . . . black and white together . . .".

Today in his Cape Town study, before a log fire which he gets up to replenish from time to time, he looks back and recalls some of his mentors. He remembers seeing Father Trevor Huddleston for the first time, when standing on a verandah with his mother, "a simple domestic worker".

"This tall white man with a flowing cassock swept past wearing a big black hat. I was quite taken aback when he doffed his hat to my mother. It seemed to a nine-year-old a mind-boggling event," he says. Father Huddleston was a significant figure in the life of Johannesburg in the 1940s and 1950s and he became an important influence on the young Tutu. The archbishop fondly remembered the busy cleric taking time to visit him once a week in hospital where a bout of TB confined him to his bed for 20 months or more.

After he left hospital, the young Tutu began the intense commitment to Christianity which has never left him. He made his first "serious" confession to Father Huddleston in Sophiatown and signed on as an altar boy at his own parish church in the Krugersdorp township of Munsieville. "I became one of his creatures," he says.

YEARS LATER Desmond Tutu's academic brilliance had turned him into a first-class teacher. But the passing of the Bantu Education Act in 1955 made him abandon teaching for ordination.

He became a star scholar at theological college, and was sent to England to gather further academic laurels. He recalls the astonishing liberation he discovered. "King's College was an incredible eye-opener," he exclaims, "almost a whirlwind of fresh air." Coming from an authoritarian educational background — "teacher tells you what you should think" — he found the atmosphere of London University exhilarating.

Just as invigorating was the freedom a South African black could experience in England. "We tell the story of how my wife Leah and I used to walk, in the early days, in 1962, anywhere in London. Late at night we would cross the street to accost a police officer to ask for directions — even if we knew where we were going — just for the incredible fun of experiencing not having a police officer asking why you where there. And, of course, having a police officer address you as sir or madam. Those were remarkable novelties."

FOR YEARS he was vilified at home by the white government, but for the whole time he was buoyed by his optimistic certainty that South Africans would one day be free. As his career comes towards its end, (he intends to retire in 1996) he looks forward to South Africa's future with equal optimism.

"Here we are nearly six months down the line and it is holding," he says. "You have got people who have had no experience of governance running one of the most sophisticated political systems you could have, and doing so with very considerable success."

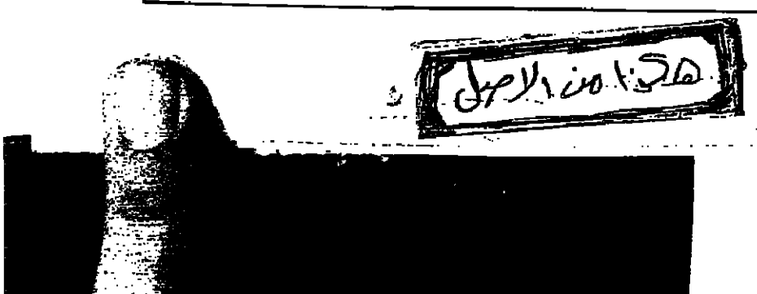
"It is working. We are going to succeed, not because we are smart: we have shown on too many occasions that we were anything but. We are going to succeed because God wants it to happen. And God wants it to happen for the sake of the world. Improbable as it is, unlikely as it is, we are being set up as a beacon of hope for the world."

With Desmond Tutu on the archbishop's throne in St George's Cathedral, the ministers and politicians just around the corner in the Parliament Building know that the beacon will be well watched, and will not be allowed to flicker.

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How do you beat nicotine? Give up?

FIFTY years ago the warning by James I of England — that smoking was "a custom loathsome, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain and dangerous to the lungs" — was quoted not as a summary of the dangers of tobacco, but as an indication of what an eccentric and feeble monarch he was. By the 1940s the cigarette exemplified sex appeal and the pipe dependability.

The latest research, supported by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, from the Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine at Oxford, shows that the King underrated the problem. The dangers to the lungs he mentioned have been long accepted; those to the eye and the nose for longer still. The King was in one respect mistaken about the effects of tobacco on the brain, for the recent Oxford report confirms that there is a fractional reduction in the incidence of dementia. But he was proved right if death from stroke, whether cerebral haemorrhage or thrombosis, is taken into consideration. Both causes of brain damage are appreciably higher in the regular cigarette smoker.

King James did not include the other numerically important causes of death from cigarette smoking: diseases of the cardio-vascular system and cancer. Coronary thrombosis; aortic aneurisms, hardening of the arteries and high blood pressure are closely related to smoking, and the habit has been known to increase the chance of developing cancer of the nose and nasal spaces, throat and oesophagus (gullet). Cancer of the bladder, pancreas and cervix have also been connected to smoking. The recent report suggests that cancer of the rectum should be added to the list.



Twenty years ago it was taught that 40 per cent of cigarette smokers showed signs and symptoms of addiction to nicotine. The percentage has probably increased. If the craving for a cigarette is to be beaten in smokers who are not strong-willed enough to bear the discomfort of withdrawal symptoms, a means has to be found to wean the patient off nicotine addiction. There are three kinds of nicotine replacement therapy available: nicotine patches, nicotine chewing-gum and the nicotine nasal spray.

The Government is determined to cut cigarette smoking in the next six years by 35 per cent in men, and 29 per cent in women. However, this determination falls short of paying for nicotine replacement therapy on the NHS.

Mims Magazine has recently reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of the three systems. The patches are the most popular, but they can cause unpleasant skin rashes, may not be strong enough to satisfy the heaviest ex-smokers, and cannot deliver a hoped-for kick when the sudden craving for a cigarette has to be countered. Chewing-gum is powerful enough to deal with heavy smokers, copes with cravings but is unpleasant to take. Addiction to nicotine chewing-gum has been reported.

The nasal spray, the latest weapon in the armoury and still prescribable on the NHS, should be tried when patches and gum have failed (two patches deliver one milligram of nicotine): but because its pharmacological action is closest to that of a cigarette the possibility exists that, like cigarettes, its use could become addictive. Whatever method is chosen, encouragement by the doctor, which includes repeated visits to the surgery, is of proven benefit in supplementing the action of the nicotine replacement.

Sound reasons for an implant

Cochlear implants are helping even congenitally deaf children to hear and talk. **Dr Abi Berger** reports

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Seven-year-old Frances Kotek is happy with her implanted hearing aid, although the use of cochlear implants has been condemned by some members of the deaf community

For the first four years of her life Frances Kotek couldn't hear a thing. She could feel vibrations but never heard sounds, despite wearing a hearing aid. A cause for her profound deafness was never found.

Three years ago Frances became the first child with congenital deafness to be fitted with a cochlear implant in the UK. According to her mother, she is now able to talk and communicate impressively well, making herself understood and able to understand others — something she was extremely unlikely to have achieved without the implant.

Cochlear implants were initially designed as an aid to lip-reading. In Britain, adults were the first candidates — people who had become profoundly deaf and who got no benefit from conventional hearing aids. As experience grew, children began to enter implantation programmes, and recently operations have been successfully completed in children who are born deaf, and who therefore have had little experience of spoken language before receiving an implant. There are now about ten regional referral centres for cochlear implants in the UK.

The implant itself is a small, battery-operated electronic device. It has two basic parts: the external components are a microphone, which picks up sound waves, and a processor, which converts them into electrical signals; the internal part consists of a decoder — which sits just underneath the skull — connected to an electrode, which sends the electrical signals to stimulate the "hearing" nerve directly, thereby bypassing the damaged cochlea in the inner ear.

The insertion of the implant by a surgeon is a relatively minor part of the whole process. The operation takes about four hours, and involves intricate microsurgery to insert the tiny electrodes into the inner ear. For the patients, however, learning to interpret the new auditory signals they can now "hear" does not happen overnight. "Tuning" of the implant is a long process which takes months. Intensive training continues, with the emphasis on exploiting everyday situations which are known to promote the development of spoken language.

According to Sue Archbold, co-ordinator of the paediatric implant programme in Nottingham, the length of time and intensity of rehabilitation once the implant is switched on (about four weeks after its insertion) must be fully appreciated by parents before they enter any implant programme. "Long-term commitment from an established team and a long-term commitment to funding are essential if we are to see any benefits from cochlear implantation," she says.

A rehabilitation team typically includes audiological scientists, ENT surgeons, and speech and language therapists, as well as specialist teachers for the deaf who also liaise with the child's teachers at their own school. The idea is to provide a maintenance and "spare parts" service on the technical side, as well as the continuing educational and language development service. It is an expensive business — in both money and time. Anyone hoping for an instant "cure" for their deaf child will be disappointed.

Frances's mother agrees: "We don't deny that Frances is deaf. Cochlear implants are not 'ear transplants' — they're just sophisticated hearing aids. Frances still lip-reads and uses sign-language as well as spoken language."

For a deaf adult, the aim of the implant is to improve hearing so that they can access an already-established system of spoken language. With children who are born deaf, or are deafened before they've had a chance to learn to speak, implants are used to help them to develop spoken language.

Not everyone is a suitable candidate. Only those who are profoundly deaf, because they have a damaged or abnormal cochlea, and who get very little benefit from powerful hearing aids will be put forward for assessment. In addition, the nerves connected to the cochlea must be intact.

In a recent progress report from Nottingham, 90 per cent of their congenitally and prelingually deaf children were able to discriminate some speech without lip-reading one year after receiving a cochlear implant. After two years more than 70 per cent of them had developed spontaneous functional language; and after three years, at least a third were able to use the phone.

Children are not usually fitted with an implant until they reach two years of age, because of the way their skulls grow, but implantation is best carried out before the age of six, after which time adapting to new "tasks" such as speech becomes more difficult. It is becoming increasingly evident, however, that the younger children are when they receive an implant, the better the outcome. While they wait for the optimum age, all efforts should be put into teaching and using sign language and lip-reading.

Mitchel Whitehead is almost four. He received his implant just six months ago at Nottingham. Despite the relatively short time that has elapsed, he has gone from being a child who "wouldn't have noticed if Concorde took off next to him" to responding for the first time in his life to his name being called. He is due to take up a place at a mainstream school next year, where he will also get additional specialist teaching. Mrs Whitehead says she has no regrets about putting Mitchel in the programme: "After all, he had nothing to lose."

There is a movement in Britain, however, which is opposed to the whole ethos of implants for deaf people — and the most strident anti-implanters are members of the deaf community. According to Dr Jim Kyle, director of the Centre for Deaf Studies at Bristol University: "Cochlear implant programmes epitomise the medical response, or 'medical model' approach, to disability. It starts from a premise that deaf people are ill. Deaf people challenge this. They don't see themselves as suffering from an illness or disease. They don't need to be 'cured'."

Considering the costs involved in the cochlear implant programme — upwards of £27,000 in the first year, and an average of £2,000 for each subsequent year, per person — there are many deaf people who feel that spending this additional amount of money on one person is not justified; better that this sum be spread more widely to improve parental and family support generally within the deaf community. A question, perhaps, more of "input" than "implant".

Dr Kyle says: "Cochlear implants may be fine for adults who are deaf because they appreciate the complex social and medical issues, and can give informed consent if they want to undergo the procedure. Two-year-old children cannot."

Ultimately the issue is about offering a choice — to be part of a bilingual culture (i.e., being able to use sign language as well as spoken language), or not. Parents make choices for their children, which as adults they are free to reverse (by simply not using the implant). In years to come it will be interesting to see what these bilingual children choose to do.

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Secret of a quick, safe birth

Human support is more important than science in the labour ward

The arguments which resounded around the delivery ward for the best part of two decades have become muted in recent years. Both sides have given ground. Consultant obstetricians have conceded that many of their high-technology interventions, which left the mother tethered to drips and strapped down with foetal monitors, are dispensable. The protagonists of natural childbirth seem to have accepted that not all women necessarily find the experience of labour "passionate, intense and thrilling" and that most are more than grateful for skilled assistance during childbirth.

The main point at issue in the debate, however, was whether obstetric interventions were scientifically justified. Maternal and infant mortality rates had been falling steadily since the war, but to what extent was this due to the obstetricians' role?

This important question has been illuminated again with great clarity by the distinguished British obstetrician Professor Richard Lilford, of Leeds University, in a recent article in the *British Medical Journal*. Essentially the story is as follows:

Back in 1969 Dr Kieran O'Driscoll, senior consultant at the National Maternity Hospital, Dublin, initiated a profound revolution in the management of labour. Despite their enthusiasm for high technology, he argued, his colleagues were still passively permitting the process of childbirth to be more protracted and therefore more harrowing than was necessary. He proposed instead a policy of "active management of labour", in which all women were guaranteed that within 12 hours of admission they would give birth.



This "active management" brought a military-style efficiency to the labour ward with clear rules and responsibilities. Each woman was allocated a midwife to stay with her for the duration. Pain relief was kept to a minimum, with small amounts of pethidine.

If the cervix was not dilating at the rate of at least one centimetre an hour, then labour was accelerated, first by artificial rupture of the membranes and then by infusion of oxytocin, which increases the contractility of the uterus. If the baby was still not delivered within 12 hours, Caesarean section was performed.

This no-nonsense approach certainly seemed to work. Reviewing 1,000 consecutive deliveries, Dr O'Driscoll reported that all but 45 were delivered within the allotted time, with a surprisingly low rate of Caesarean section of 5 per cent: the more usual figure is about 15 per cent.

Dr O'Driscoll's fellow obstetricians around the world were rightly impressed by these results and he was hailed as a sort of latter-day Luther, sweeping away the false beliefs in favour of something more scientific.

The main components of his Reformed Creed spread rapidly, though some concessions were usually made to permit the father to be present at the birth and to allow more generous amounts of pain relief.

With time, however, "active management" has come to seem too austere and cold-blooded and questions of its scientific legitimacy have been raised — does it really prevent protracted labour and, if so, how?

Professor Lilford has reviewed the evidence. There have been six "relatively unbiased" trials examining the benefits of rupturing the membranes. All showed "a modest reduction in the duration of labour"; but this did not influence the outcome for either mother or baby. Trials of the use of oxytocin and of the two interventions combined produced the same verdict.

The crucial factor that probably accounts for the success of "active management" turns out to be the constant presence of the same midwife throughout labour. According to Professor Lilford, the psychological support of a companion (whether midwife, husband, partner or friend) has been consistently shown to "reduce the requirements for pain relief, lower the frequency of Caesarean section and operative delivery and improve the outcome for the foetus".

Once again, in a dramatic way, the pretensions of scientific interventions in childbirth have been found wanting. Equally, the philosophy of a natural rather than mechanical approach to labour seems not only more congenial but also associated with a better outcome.

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Who could follow Thatcher?

Anthony Seldon says the Prime Minister's achievements should not be underestimated

John Major will shortly begin his fifth year as Prime Minister. Yet he remains an enigma. Few writers in the press understand him at all deeply: still fewer appear to wish to. Endlessly written off by commentators, inconveniently, he remains. No prime minister since 1945 has been the focus of so much personal scorn from the press, and none has been so unpopular in the opinion polls. Even academics and publishers have been reluctant to produce the books that are usual by this stage of a term of office.

Some of the criticism is well-founded. Major remains an indifferent presenter of policy and rallier for the cause: he has allowed his name to become attached to easily-ridiculed slogans, most notably "back to basics". He lacks decisiveness when disciplining or sacking colleagues. His failure to devise a distinctive agenda is the *Leitmotif* of the political writers' score. He has not proved himself a consistent or original thinker.

Less remarked are his skills: his courage (seen most recently in Northern Ireland), his Wilson-like ability to hold his party together, his fine judgment of the art of the possible, frequently seen in his handling of affairs with European partners.

> There is a tendency to exaggerate the power of prime ministers

Both judgment and courage were evident in his backing for Kenneth Clarke's interest-rate rise in September. Many of his innovations will stand the test of time.

Few people in the press have pointed to the positive side. Samuel Brittan and Robert Skidelsky have, and Peter Riddell in these columns has been more sympathetic and perceptive than most. But the disadvantages that *any* leader would have suffered from on succeeding Margaret Thatcher in November 1990 have received scant attention. They include the increasing difficulties facing a party in office for so long: the decline in oil revenues; the recession of 1990-92, which has so dented Tory-voting middle-class morale; public expectations which outrun the capabilities of government, especially with respect to economic regeneration and amelioration of deep-seated social problems; the problem of succeeding a long-serving, powerful and charismatic Prime Minister; the deep Conservative divisions over Europe and Ireland; the lack of obvious antagonists against whom to unite the party, whether trade unions or Soviet communism; and the absence of clear popular and intellectual backing for a new political programme, such as was seen in 1945 and 1979.

Contemporary commentators have tended to assume that an individual prime minister can write his own script and disregard such underlying factors. Yet as John Campbell shows in his biography of Edward Heath, an unusually capable and well-prepared Prime Minister was derailed by a combination of massive global inflation, trade unions at the apex of their power, a volatile social climate and the near-collapse of the international financial system. Historians will no doubt judge John Major in a wider context, which as yet is missing.

Several essays in *The Major Effect* point to significant changes of direction: in the Civil Service, in economic policy, in the public services and in Northern Ireland. Major has greatly improved relations with the EU, the Commonwealth and many foreign leaders.

The record since November 1990 merits more careful scrutiny than it has so far received, yet there has not been a wholesale change of programme. To expect such a change and deride Major for failing to achieve it is to misunderstand the nature of post-war British history, and the power and scope of a prime minister. Did Macmillan, Wilson or even Callaghan introduce major historical shifts of policy? No. Only two Prime Ministers since 1945 — Attlee and Mrs Thatcher — have presided over administrations which changed the outlines of policy significantly, and even then there has been a tendency to exaggerate the extent of the changes that they brought about.

Most prime ministers merely preside over incremental change in selected areas. Once one acknowledges this limitation, Major's performance looks more like the norm than the exception. So calls for him to use the party conference in Bournemouth this week as a chance to adopt a radical new vision or (Heaven forbid) another new theme are misplaced. He should aim instead for pragmatism: some sensible policies on crime, further improvements in public services and rebuilding of local communities. That may prove sufficient to restore the party's fortunes once the Blair bubble bursts, as it will.

We are now in the third act of John Major's term as Prime Minister. His generally successful first act, from November 1990 to Britain's departure from the exchange-rate mechanism in September 1992 was followed by a second act of almost unrelieved crises until the reshuffle in July 1994. If the economy continues to improve, and his Irish policy yields results, then act three may recapture some of the lustre of his first 18 months.

By 1996, John Major could be boasting that his time in office had not only allowed the party to win a general election in 1992 which it could not have won 18 months before, but that it had moreover put the Conservatives on course for the *fifth* general election victory, which many believed to be impossible in the autumn of 1994. Like Wilson, he could yet have the last laugh.

Anthony Seldon is writing a biography of John Major, and has edited The Major Effect *(with Dennis Kavanagh) published this month by Macmillan (£20/£12.99).*

A plague upon the health bureaucrats

Paul Dietrich says the time may have come to replace the bloated World Health Organisation

Over the past few weeks, a deadly epidemic of pneumonic plague has infected several thousand people in India. But this is only one of the deadly new plagues of the 1990s, such as tuberculosis, Aids and hepatitis, afflicting hundreds of millions of people. Last year, cholera epidemics put between 90 and 120 million people at risk in Latin America, Africa and the Caribbean. In July and August, more than 50,000 died from cholera in Rwanda. Measles and diphtheria are now epidemics in Russia. New, virulent strains of malaria, resistant to the usual drug treatments, will kill an estimated two million people this year, while more than six million will be crippled by leprosy. World Health Organisation statistics show that more than 1.8 billion people will be affected this year by vaccine-preventable diseases.

Officials of the WHO have criticised India's tally of plague deaths and suspected cases, alleging that the government does not have sufficiently sophisticated field-reporting to compile accurate data. Why should it? This used to be the mandate of the WHO. In the past, poorer governments looked to the WHO to organise, co-ordinate and mobilise the international community to eradicate a major infectious epidemic. Twenty-five years ago, the organisation led the international campaign to eradicate smallpox — one of the great achievements of the century. Unfortunately, it has given up campaigns to eradicate diseases, and has become an organisation of conferences and study groups.

Last month, the organisation called on Western governments for an additional $100 million a year to fight the world's leading infectious killer of adults, which kills three million people each year. One-third of the world's population is infected with TB (including 15 million in the United States) and eight million fall sick from it every year. But its recent patchy record suggests that the WHO is scarcely qualified to lead the fight.

The current resurgence of tuberculosis is primarily due to its link with HIV, for the Aids virus destroys the human cells that keep the TB bacteria dormant. The problem with TB, like most infectious diseases, is that it does not stop at national borders. So the fight must be directed and co-ordinated by a regional or multilateral international health organisation.

But while the world is experiencing an explosion of epidemics, the WHO's disease prevention and control programmes have been reduced over the past 10 years to 12.5 per cent of its regular budget, down from 16 per cent. In Asia, the organisation's budget to confront this leading killer is just over $400,000 a year. Estimates suggest that more than a billion people in South-East Asia are infected with TB. This means that the WHO can contribute about one US cent for every 40 people infected.

The problem, however, is not a lack of money, but a failure to decide priorities. With a budget of almost $1 billion a year, the WHO could easily find the $100 million it wants to fight TB. But 500 other programmes compete for scarce resources, including seatbelt safety ad campaigns, "Oral Hygiene Week" celebrations and the distribution of millions of bumper stickers for "World No-Tobacco Day". The tragedy is that while the organisation carries out such public awareness campaigns, basic health needs in developing countries are not addressed. With modern vaccines and medicines now available to prevent many killer diseases, the misallocation of resources is often the only obstacle to saving lives. Yet the WHO devotes less than 1 per cent of its regular budget to malaria, despite describing the disease as the "most serious health problem in the poorest areas of the world".

The proportion of the WHO's resources reaching the countries in need has at times been ludicrously small. It now spends $8 on administration for every $2 spent on actual programmes. The WHO has been ridiculed for spending millions of dollars on a conference on "Aids and Sports". The only outcome of the proceedings was the suggestion that if an athlete is hurt, the wound should be bandaged and the athlete should not be allowed to resume until all bleeding has stopped. Few thought this advanced the fight against Aids.

Recently, *The Lancet* blamed the WHO for failing to provide "global direction" in the fight against TB, and tactfully suggested that "political complexities" often hampered progress. *The Lancet* also complained last year that the WHO "has lost virtually all the public health impetus that it enjoyed 10 years ago".

The reports from India on the pneumonic plague show how desperately the world needs an effective international health organisation which does more than convene conferences and issue press releases. The world's donor nations are prepared to provide funding and enthusiastic support for an organisation ready to wage all-out war against new epidemic outbreaks, as well as fighting preventable diseases such as TB, malaria, measles, dysentery, cholera and diphtheria. But as long as the WHO fails to oversee a major reform in the allocation of its resources, it is unlikely to succeed in countering such diseases.

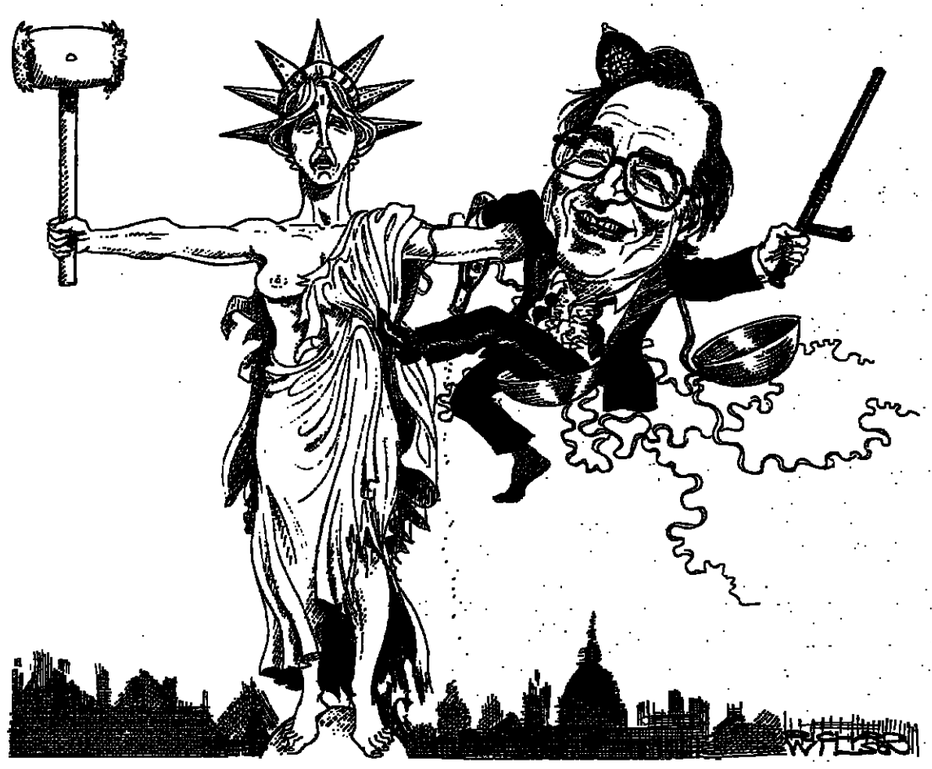
Even the United Nations is fed up with the organisation's management. It recently stripped the WHO of all responsibility for Aids-related programmes, and is now creating a new agency, based in Geneva, to lead the worldwide fight in combating the Aids epidemic.

Similarly, if the WHO refuses to channel its spending into disease control and health emergencies, the UN will be forced to create a new international health organisation to deal with future epidemics.

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Howard's foolish way

It is time to be gratuitously offensive to the Tories, for they are insulting us



Bernard Levin

On Sunday, I wandered out and saw the tail-end of the demonstration against Michael Howard's monstrous Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill: I wouldn't put it past him to be rubbing his hands with glee at the news that there had been fights between the police and a tiny gang wanting a confrontation. "Look," he would say, "now you can understand the necessity of the Bill." (Or rather, "now you can understand the necessity of *my* Bill".) In fact, the Bill is one of the most otiose and dangerous measures we have seen for a very long time, and not only because it in effect takes away the "right to silence": in this appalling measure even more of our rights are stolen from us.

Come at it a different way. I have never met Mr Harry Fletcher, one of the leading figures in NAPO, the union for probation officers, but were I to meet him, my first action would be to shake his hand most warmly — and, unless he deprecates such ostentation — pat him on the back as well.

And what, you may ask, has Mr Fletcher done to warrant such favours? He has described, clearly and correctly, in exactly 49 words and no more, the nature and quality of the present Home Secretary, Mr Michael Howard. Mr Fletcher's brief but perfect description went like this:

> What's the point of him? He's a man whose public pronouncements have little to do with the world of crime, probation and prison. We were just getting on top of the crisis in the jails *until he came along. He should give us* all a break and go away.

Neither I nor Mr Fletcher has any hope that Howard will follow Mr Fletcher's suggestion and go away, much less go and away and not come back. Moreover, it seems — almost incredibly — that he has ideas far above his station, ideas indeed that encompass the leadership of the Tory party and eventually residence in 10 Downing Street. True, he has not actually said anything on the subject in public, but for that matter nor has Portillo. But just think of a world in which such a man leads this country, or even aspires to.

Howard's catalogue of promises concerning crime, delivered from the rostrum at last year's Tory conference, bade more and worse. There were 27 of his promises, and they poured out in a flood of reciprocal gabbling and roaring; I recall clearly that after every one of the 27, he paused, raised his eyes from his text, and with the movements of his body — the pointed finger, the open mouth, the tiny wriggle of self-satisfaction — he *demanded* applause. Naturally, with that ghastly crowd, he got it.

Twenty-seven promises, most of them already implemented or impossible to implement or knocked down by the House of Lords: not much to bray (Vicar of) about, so he had to move fast. He sought out and attacked any soft underbelly he could find: having waited to see which side he should take (the very hallmark of Howard), he naturally took the easy one. No more young offenders taking holidays in the Bahamas; no more life-of-Riley for prisoners; a hurried retreat behind the political barriers. And finally — the cherry on his cake — his announcement that from now on, if a yobby youth commits a crime, the parents will be fined up to £1,000. And when, say, 80 per cent of the parents who are whacked for such fines are discovered to be living entirely on state hand-outs, Howard will at least have more prisoners.

This man is not entirely a clown, and it would be a mistake to think he is. Every time he falls on his face, he gets up and rushes about as though he had an important message for the nation; it is not too much to say of him that he is dangerous. He seeks the worst, because the worst are the first to rally to his cause, and there is no sign that he cares who gets hurt in the rush. And when it comes to anything-for-advancement, Howard will always be found first at the trough.

I go on at length about Howard because he *is* the flagrantly worst, but what I said of him could really be said of the entire body of this Government. Take Portillo (no, *you* take Portillo), who goes about with his tongue hanging out for the prize: I would not be surprised in the least if I saw him with a pair of sandwich-boards reading "I very much want to be Prime Minister, and between you and me, there is nothing that I wouldn't do to get the job, absolutely *nothing*." His tactic is to put it about that there is a great swell for him in the Tory party, all ready and running into something like a hundred votes at least. (My own investigations show that he has at most nine followers, two of whom are deaf and think he is talking about Waldegrave.)

I have my fun; but it is a bitter fun. This Government — exhausted, mendacious, sour, lazy, repeating empty slogans — is governing our country, and it is time that it was stopped. And if you want a symbol of the reason why it should be stopped, try the most recent exchange between the nurses and one Thomas ("Call me Tom — it sounds more matey") Sackville, who is Under-Secretary of State for Health (ooh, his mum must be proud of him!) and it is not his fault that I have never heard of him.

Anyway, it is his job to deal with the nurses' pay, and they had asked for an increase of 8.3 per cent, though there was a nationwide freeze on incomes. Now far be it from me even to have an opinion on such matters, and it may be that the nurses' request had to be denied, and that not even a smaller increase could be granted. But did "Tom" need to say of the nurses' claim that it was "ludicrous"? And when a survey of nurses showed that they were so demoralised that six out of ten were contemplating leaving the service, why did he have to sniff "All the evidence we have demonstrates that nurse recruitment is generally encouraging"? And when a poll of 1,500 nurses showed that 80 per cent did not want performance-related pay and said that the freeze was "the last straw", did "Tom" have to go squeaking "The reality is that more and more patients are being treated and waiting times are falling", making it even worse by trying to patronise his victims by bleating ". . . thanks to the hard work of many nurses, who have responded well to ever-rising demands for health care"? And why did he fall silent when a survey by the Royal College of Nursing (hardly a nest of Bolsheviks) revealed that more than half the nurses have to exceed their contract hours?

I wonder if "Tom" frequently has to exceed *his* contract hours? Even if he does, he gets £53,071 a year out of our pockets, a state of affairs which could certainly be called ludicrous, and *would* be called ludicrous by any nurse.

Perhaps I am aiming at the wrong target. Howard and Portillo are jockeying for power (heedless of the fact that they would be powerless if they got it), and such men are — must be — looking over their shoulders all the time, which means that they are not typical. But our "Tom" can hardly believe that one day *he* will be jockeying for such power, so he *can* be thought of as typical.

Which means that he can jeer "ludicrous" at the nurses' polite request to be paid a good deal more, though the youngest and least practised of them is a thousand times more useful than he. But one thing we can say with some certainty: he is typical — typical, that is, of what this Tory Government means. Means; not meant. When it started, it was something very different, but over the years the rot has encroached upon every aspect of governing, and if it goes on much longer it will bring the house down. But it is our house. Let us get the lodgers out, fumigate the premises, and start again.

P.S. I almost missed this boondoggle, from another of them, this time the Transport Minister, Mr Mawhinney, discussing the Railtrack strike. He claimed that the "ceiling" for public sector rises — 2.5 per cent — had not been broken. Oh, no? What about the extra 3.4 per cent for (ha-ha) "future productivity", or the £480 bonus that was instantly whistled up, or the reduction of the working week from 39 hours to 37, or Sunday not now being part of the working week? This lot can't even cook the books without instantly being found out.

Bottoms up

A BLOW for Imperialist Britain has been struck by Berry Bros & Rudd, London wine merchants to the Queen. This week the company will reintroduce the pint bottle of wine, favoured by Winston Churchill, but missing for decades.

The bottle will be called an "Imp", short for Imperial pint, and will appear on wine lists sent out this week. For some incomprehensible Euro-reason, it is in fact a little short of a pint, at 50cl, but Berry Bros believes the measure will fill a gap in the market.

"The pint was the best measure invented," says marketing director Simon Berry. "A half-bottle is often not enough for one person, while a whole bottle is too much. The size in-between the two is just perfect."

Pint bottles of claret and champagne were still widespread just after the war. Indeed, Churchill was a great believer in the pint bottle of champagne. "It was always his favourite, since he didn't need to feel guilty polishing off a whole bottle," explains Serena Sutcliffe, head of Sotheby's wine department. Sutcliffe keeps a pint bottle of Bollinger on her dressing table because they are so rare.

Sadly, Berry Bros claims it is unable to produce a pint bottle of champagne because petty interference from Brussels means it can be sold only in half bottles, whole bottles or "multiples thereof". Quite why British wine merchants should not be free to sell beverages in whatever quantities they and the customers wish remains a mystery — but Auberon Waugh remembers the old days fondly. He derives considerable inspiration from the grape. "I used to enjoy Imperial pints of Krug," he says ruefully.



● *Preparations for a retrospective in Cannes next year of such western classics as* Stagecoach *and* How the West Was Won *have run into difficulties. Archivists at the Museum of Modern Art in New have just discovered that they will be a year late in celebrating the centenary of film director John Ford's birth. He was actually born in 1894.*

Lunch apart

POWER-LUNCHES were being consumed across the capital yesterday. The Princess of Wales was received at Vogue House by Nicholas Coleridge, the suave managing director of the magazine group Condé Nast.

Joining her at the luncheon table were Lord Archer — who found a more receptive audience than would have been possible among the Tories in Bournemouth — Melvyn Bragg, Stephen Fry and the Princess's great friend Rosa Monckton.

Monckton's husband, Dominic Lawson, editor of *The Spectator*, was otherwise engaged. He was entertaining Tony Blair at Christopher's restaurant in Covent Garden. Not a drop of alcohol was imbibed, although Blair was apparently much taken by a poster of proprietor Christopher Gilmour's father, Lord Gilmour, waltzing with Margaret Thatcher.

Desert friends

TRAFFIC problems meant General Sir Peter de la Billière had to gulp down his first course at the Foyles lunch in London yesterday, but with tension in the Gulf rising by the minute, he could not have been in better company. The former British Commander-in-Chief was flanked by the Saudi and Kuwaiti Ambassadors.

"We have to know our enemy. I don't believe we knew Saddam Hussein before the Gulf War, during it or even know him now," he thundered at the launch of his book *Looking for Trouble*. "He is totally unpredictable." No trouble is predicted, however, between his Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian allies. After the lunch, the two Ambassadors skipped away from the lunch holding hands.

Photo fit

JEREMY HANLEY will be seeking to restore his tarnished reputation in Bournemouth this week as he faces the media. And who better to help him than Tony Blair's new spokesman, Alastair Campbell? By his desk in Westminster, the Tory party chairman keeps a photograph of Campbell.

"Here's my picture of Alastair Campbell. I keep that on my wall. In fact I always keep Alastair Campbell close by," he pointed out to a recent visitor. Clearly there are no political divisions regarding the so-called spin-doctors.

● *No more fitting watering-hole could be imagined for William Waldegrave than the Farmers Club in Whitehall. He applied to join the club soon after he was made Agriculture Minister. Mindful of his status, the club secretariat immediately made him an honorary member, doubtless expecting him to press the flesh at the bar.*

Bon bons

FIDGETING with excitement in the front row of milliner Philip Treacy's show in London at the weekend was Simon Le Bon, the lead singer from Duran Duran, a singing combo favoured by the Princess of Wales.

Le Bon declared himself a fan of the hat-maker, whose customers include Viscountess Linley. "I love hats, and these are great," he said. "The inevitability of balding is making me consider hats more and more."

There is little chance, however, that Le Bon will ever sport one of Treacy's more extravagant creations, the 17th-century sailing ship. "It's terribly romantic but I'm not selling it," says Treacy. "The rigging is made from the bone of chicken feathers and the masts from pheasant feathers. It took me at least a hundred hours to make."

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Le bonnet: but is it millinery — or chandlery?

TORIES GROWING WEAKER

The new chairman needs a new approach to his party machine

Jeremy Hanley, Conservative Party chairman, addresses representatives in Bournemouth this morning under the slogan "Britain Growing Stronger": whatever the truth of that suggestion about the country, it certainly does not apply to the ruling party. Britain's most formidable election-winning machine of the century is weakening at a remarkable rate. Research conducted for *The Times* by Michael Pinto-Duschinsky shows that membership has probably dipped below 500,000, just one-sixth of the figure achieved in the 1950s. The party is losing members at a rate of about 60,000 a year; already it has only one member for every three that it had when Margaret Thatcher became leader in 1975.

All parties have suffered in the past 20 years from a decline in membership and activism. Britons have become more individualistic and their political enthusiasm, such as it is, tends now to be channelled into single-issue pressure groups rather than mainstream political parties. At the same time, new technology has enabled parties to campaign in a way which requires fewer workers. Electoral registers can be assembled on computer disks, for example, and automatically split into male and female, old and new, Labour and Tory voters.

Old-fashioned, time-consuming door-to-door canvassing has become both less useful and less necessary. With more women going out to work, more houses are empty during the day. In the evening, people are increasingly unwilling to open their front door to strangers. Telephone canvassing is now more heavily used; with 85 per cent telephone ownership, it is reasonably far-reaching, and it allows elderly or infirm activists to help from home. It also spreads party resources more evenly: at the last election, Conservatives in one safe seat near London helped a northern marginal with 8,000 calls.

All the same, the Tories have reason to worry about their membership. In marginal seats, which at the last election swung disproportionately to Labour, local campaigning can make a serious difference. Yet a study to be published next month by Patrick Seyd shows that the average age of Conservative members is 62 and their willingness to work for the party is declining. Three-quarters devote no time at all to party activities, and a quarter say that they are less active than they were five years ago. Only 5 per cent are under 35, compared with 22 per cent for Labour.

Labour may have fewer members, but they are much more likely to be activists. And it is winning new recruits fast. Local party workers are unlikely to meet outright hostility when trying to sign up new people. Conservatives, on the other hand, have to defend the unpopular policies of a widely disliked Government. They are representatives of a party, many of whose supporters are unwilling to admit as much even to their friends. So, unless ministers can sharply raise the morale of their troops, the Tories' new membership drive is likely to be less successful than Labour's. It is as disheartening to have to deal with voters' disillusion with the governing party as it is encouraging to be able to offer a popular alternative from the safety of opposition.

Morale-raising is the one area in which the new chairman is supposed to excel. Vulnerable as he is on public platforms, he should leave the task of being the Prime Minister's spokesman on television and radio to his deputies and to the Citizen's Charter minister, David Hunt. He should spend his time touring the constituencies and trying to find some cheer to lead. By staying off the airwaves, moreover, he will not just save his Government from embarrassment; he will also be able to maintain a safe distance from beleaguered ministers. That alone should help him to enthuse the party's workers.

CLEAR THE BORDER

Saddam must be kept on a tighter leash in future

If it is confirmed by action on the ground, Iraq's announcement to the United Nations that its forces were withdrawing from the edge of the Iraq-Kuwait demilitarised zone vindicates the American decision to pour reinforcements into the Gulf. The explanation that Iraq had been influenced by "the concerns we have seen in the Security Council", advanced yesterday by Nizar Hamdoon, the Iraqi Ambassador to the UN, is hardly convincing. Although President Saddam Hussein may have been disagreeably surprised by the speed with which opinion in the Security Council hardened, he has never paid any attention to the UN unless its decisions were backed by force.

He is more likely to have been impressed by the blunt warning from William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, that America had no intention "of being pinned down in that area indefinitely" and that he did not rule out a pre-emptive strike. Only a few hours before that statement, another division of Republican Guards had been detected moving south; and one division was just over a mile from the narrow demilitarised zone. Evidence mounts that Saddam, reasoning that the Clinton Administration was averse to military risk and that its allies would be hard to rally, had harboured serious intentions of moving against Kuwait.

There are wider lessons for Nato here. Where Iraq is concerned, given Saddam's track record, the US is right to take nothing on trust and continue its build-up to the scheduled complement of 70,000 — to be joined today by a British battalion of commandos, Tornados and another destroyer. Withdrawal must mean more than a tactical regrouping round Basra, where Iraq has divisions permanently stationed. Saddam was able to move nearly 80,000 men and their equipment to the border within a matter of days, and could do so again. What Saddam marches down the hill can be marched up again. Mr Hamdoon was explicit on this point: "We reserve the right to move them any time in the future to wherever we want within Iraqi territory."

For explicitly threatening Kuwait once again, Saddam should be seen to forfeit this right in southern Iraq. Before the allied deployment ends, steps must be taken to prevent him renewing his threat. The UN Security Council should widen the six-mile demilitarised zone on the Iraqi side of the border: Iraq's heavy armour could cross it in 15 minutes. But tougher measures than that are required. The rules governing the no-fly zones north of the 36th parallel and south of the 32nd, imposed by the allies in 1991 and 1992 in response to Saddam's savage repression of Iraqi Kurds and Shias, should be made uniform.

Existing allied restrictions extend to the movement of Iraq's ground as well as air forces in the north, but not in the south. As the increasingly well organised Iraqi opposition has long argued, this never, in view of the brutal pounding of Shia towns and the southern marshes, made logical sense even when the allies based their action on the UN's Resolution 688, prohibiting the persecution of Saddam's opponents. Iraq should now be told by the allies — if necessary under Article 51 of the Charter — to remove all but police forces from the southern zone or face allied airstrikes. If that weakens Saddam's grip, so much the better. He could hardly have given more convincing reasons for the vice to be tightened, not loosened, than he has this past week.

PROVOCATIVE AGENTS

The Hyde Park riot is part of a pattern

A healthy political culture is based on the responsible exercise of freedom and the maintenance of public order; both were undermined by the scenes of violence in Hyde Park on Sunday. A peaceful protest against the Criminal Justice Bill appears to have been taken over by a small number of militants, who systematically abused the civil liberties they claimed to be defending.

The Bill has been one of the most contentious launched by this Government. So sweeping a measure was bound to provoke strong reaction and the debate which it has generated has ranged widely. Most of the 20,000 marchers on Sunday were exercising their democratic freedoms in a legitimate way. Many were wearing badges bearing the motto "non-violence"; others carried placards making clear their support for the police. It was their misfortune that some of those marching beside them seem to have been bent on causing a breach of the peace at all costs.

After a riot in which 19 police officers were injured, it was surely insensitive and certainly exaggerated of the Labour MP Jeremy Corbyn to describe police tactics as "monumentally ill-conceived". The senior officer at the demonstration, Chief Superintendent Richard Cullen, yesterday expressed regret that he sent 1,000 officers home. Equally, however, he might have asked Mr Corbyn why some demonstrators had arrived armed with bottles and CS gas canisters.

There is nothing new in the exploitation of mass gatherings to foment disorder, which was as clear at the Gordon Riots as it was at Hyde Park on Sunday. Yet it seems that the infiltration of such rallies by extremist groups including Class War and the Socialist Workers Party is becoming increasingly systematic. The ferocity of the confrontation between police and demonstrators drew comparisons with the poll tax riots of 1990 and the disturbances in Welling last October during an anti-racist march. It is now almost a safe assumption that certain kinds of demonstration will include militant left troublemakers whose true cause is subversion.

There are limits to what rally organisers can do to prevent this, other than to advise their stewards to be vigilant and liaise closely with the police. It may also be necessary for magistrates to use their power of binding over more often. This judicial power enables the courts to demand an appropriate undertaking from a person who is considered likely to breach the peace but has yet to be convicted. As the technology of surveillance has improved, it has become easier for the police to identify the core of *agents provocateurs* who appear at such rallies. The power of binding over, more vigorously applied, might help the criminal justice system to control such events and to pre-empt the disorder which so discredits legitimate acts of protest.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Heath defines Tory policies

From Sir Edward Heath, MP for Old Bexley and Sidcup (Conservative)

Sir, The heading of your inset on page 4 today, "Heath backs Labour policies", together with its content, is completely misleading.

I am backing what for decades have been Conservative policies, ever since the Conservative Government in 1891 introduced the Fair Wages resolution, reinforced by the wage councils introduced by Winston Churchill in the Liberal Government of 1909 and accepted and operated by Conservative governments until the present Government abolished them in 1993. I have, from the beginning, together with many British firms supported the social chapter in the Maastricht treaty.

All this happened well before Mr Blair was elected leader of the Labour Party and gave it "a new look".

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD HEATH,
House of Commons.
October 10.

Party politics

From Mr A. F. Taylor

Sir, Your leader, "How to fight Blair", and the column by William Cash, MP, "The way to beat Blair" (both on October 7), although similar in title and content, differ in the assessment of the behaviour and the ability and effectiveness of the present Tory leadership.

I believe that Mr Cash correctly reflects the feelings of a vast number of Tory supporters who will remember the behaviour of Mr Major's administration and will not vote Conservative at the next election. Sadly, although nearly 70 years old and a lifelong supporter of the Conservatives, I will also express my contempt by withdrawing my support.

In your leader you propose that Mr Major should present the true achievements of the Government: I would suggest that this is a questionable ploy, in that it might bring to the fore events best forgotten, and there are so many.

Several years ago I watched on television a young woman by the name of Margaret Thatcher who had just become leader of the Conservative Party, setting out her aims at annual conference for reforming her party; later I saw her again when she became Prime Minister setting out her aims for modernising this country. Both those aims where achieved admirably, but what really impressed was her look of determination, her vision and depth of knowledge of the aspirations of the people of this country.

This week I saw on television a young man named Tony Blair who had the same look on his face and spoke in a similar vein.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR TAYLOR,
Beechcroft,
Snuggs Lane, East Hanney,
Wantage, Oxfordshire.
October 7.

From Mr G. F. B. Robinson

Sir, What a pity Tony Blair failed to point out, in the course of his speech to his party conference (report, October 5) that Clause Four is the exact mirror-image (right to left) of the Tories' half-baked, dogma-ridden mania for privatising everything in sight, irrespective of need or justification. He might have achieved victory, even if a narrow one.

Yours faithfully,
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20 Stornoway Road,
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October 7.

Another system of blood transfusion

From Dr Martin Scurr

Sir, The anxiety perceived at the Department of Health about the shortage of blood available for transfusion (report, September 29; letter, September 30) should be salutary, given that there is a highly viable alternative which so far has received relatively little interest.

More than 80 per cent of all blood transfused into recipients is administered during elective — i.e., pre-planned — surgery. It would therefore be eligible for what is known as autologous transfusion — a procedure by which the subject, knowing that he is to undergo surgery, can donate about one pint of his own blood each week for a period of four weeks prior to the proposed surgery. The blood is then re-administered if and when transfusion is required during or immediately after the operation.

As the subject is receiving his own blood the known complications of transfusion from another individual are obviated. There are other major benefits — e.g., a reduction in post-operative venous thrombosis and morbidity.

Directors of blood transfusion have hitherto been lukewarm about the benefits of autologous transfusion. There has been anxiety that its increased use might reduce the enthusiasm of donors or that the related services could complicate the matter of elective surgery. Is it not time for more positive investigation of this resource?

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN SCURR,
14 Ladbroke Gardens, W11.

From Mrs A. Rosemary Brett

Sir, As a blood-donor of 40 years' standing, I suggest that many donors are demoralised and demotivated by plans to nationalise the Blood Transfusion Service.

Giving blood is a *local* affair. Closure of some transfusion centres will mean that their services are less accessible to the families and friends of active donors in that community. Erosion of this spirit of loyalty is clearly having a devastating effect on the national blood supply.

Yours faithfully,
A. ROSEMARY BRETT,
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Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

Hyde Park riot

From Mr Kenneth Stern

Sir, When I took my dog for his early walk in Hyde Park this morning, I was appalled by the scene of devastation on the eastern side of the park.

Litter bins had been torn out of the ground, benches overturned and smashed, manhole covers removed from paths, trees mutilated, and chairs and tables at the kiosk at Speakers' Corner destroyed. This mindless vandalism was caused by some of yesterday's demonstrators against the Criminal Justice Bill.

As a member of a society dedicated to the preservation of Hyde Park for the peaceful enjoyment of the public, I know of the constant and successful efforts of the Royal Parks agency and its contractors to improve the park, on a limited budget. Such pointless damage must be heartbreaking for them.

I understand that sole responsibility for authorising demonstrations in Hyde Park lies with the Home Secretary. Clearly it would have been awkward for him to ban a protest against his own Bill. However, after this disaster — itself the best argument for the Bill, in my opinion — urgent consideration must be given to whether the park can continue to be used for such events, and if so under what more stringent conditions.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH STERN,
555 Park West, Edgware Road, W2.
October 10.

Nuclear arms race

From Professor Joseph Rotblat

Sir, In his attempt to justify the indefinite retention of nuclear arsenals by the nuclear-weapon states Dr Julian Lewis (letter, October 5) puts a wishful (and misleading) interpretation of Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

As he said himself, this Article lists three measures: ending the nuclear arms race, nuclear disarmament, and general and complete disarmament. These are envisaged as a sequence of distinct stages, with the last one being deliberately placed in a separate part of the sentence. That nuclear disarmament is the prime objective of the NPT is obvious from its preamble.

Dr Lewis alleges that "a world in which the major military powers abandoned their nuclear but not their conventional forces would be dangerously unstable". I have been concerned with these issues for a very long time (since 1939) and I do not know of any serious study that warrants such a conclusion. My own studies have convinced me that a nuclear weapon-free world is both desirable and feasible.

But surely, this issue is important enough to be taken up by the most appropriate internationally recognised body. That body is the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, which has tackled a similar problem, a ban on chemical weapons. After long negotiations it came up with the Chemical Weapons Convention, which has now been signed by 157 states, including the UK.

Yours faithfully,
J. ROTBLAT,
8 Asmara Road, NW2.

Set books, US-style

From Professor Roland Littlewood

Sir, The extraordinary moralising tendencies of US scholarship in prescribing "set books", whether those of Dead White European Males or the converse, is a question for departments of literary studies.

For Harold Bloom (Agenda, October 3) to blame anthropologists, "incompetent" or otherwise, for the problems of his discipline seems bizarre. On second thoughts, perhaps this tribalism is not without interest?

Yours etc,
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Redundant coppers

From Mr Raymond W. Wallis

Sir, The penny has been debased to a mere copper-plated token. It will buy nothing and its only use seems to be as change for a pound. The twopence is too big and heavy and is worth twice nothing. Both should go.

Many countries have abandoned coins of fewer than five units. Individual items may still be priced to the cent, but at the check-out the total is rounded to the nearest five, up or down, so no one gains or loses. There is a saving at the Mint, presumably at the bank and certainly in wear and tear on one's pockets.

Let the coppers go!

I am, Sir, your well-ballasted servant,
RAYMOND M. WALLIS,
55 Fluin Lane, Frodsham,
Warrington, Cheshire.

Anomalies in the byway regulations

From Mr T. B. Harrison

Sir, Your environmental correspondent's report, "Rural campaign turns back the tide of off-road traffic" (October 3), highlights once again the absurdity of the law as constituted in the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Villagers in this area of Suffolk are presently awaiting the outcome of a public enquiry held last month into an order by the county council upgrading certain footpaths to byways open to all traffic. Opposition to the upgrading was almost universal and on behalf of objectors I argued that the old tithe maps and other historical maps are not conclusive in favour of the council's claim.

The 1981 Act clearly places a needless duty on local authorities to investigate claims and open up what they believe are ancient byways. The local inhabitants and landowners do not want these byways which, if ever they did exist, invariably did so before the advent of the motor car and motorbike.

Few would argue against the jealous protection of footpaths and bridleways by the Ramblers Association and others. What many people cannot comprehend is governmental insistence on encouraging the passage of motor vehicles across the countryside when no need exists and no useful purpose is served.

The sooner Parliament repeals the relevant section of the 1981 Act the happier country dwellers will be. There will, in addition, be a significant saving of council-taxpayers' money.

Yours faithfully,
TOM HARRISON,
Adams Harrison (solicitors),
52a High Street, Haverhill, Suffolk.
October 4.

From Mr Harvey Davies

Sir, In his summary of section 54 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, your reporter omitted the possibility of a road used as a public path (RUPP) being found to be a footpath as well as a bridleway or byway.

When the Act was passed, Parliament accepted that such paths already exist. It is a case not of creating new rights but merely of recording existing rights correctly. Local authorities are required to consider the evidence of the public use that has been made of the RUPP in the past.

Whether it is right or wrong for modern vehicles to make use of them based on the fact that carts used the track in the past is not something the county council can consider. Parliament removed that option when the Countryside Act 1968 was repealed.

Proposals by Hampshire to have the 1981 Act amended are still being considered by the Department of the Environment. The county council has done more than any other to get the 1981 Act amended, and the mere fact that it has carried out its statutory duty and followed the interpretation of evidence used by the inspectors in the past should not be a matter of criticism. There is no battle, no victory or defeat in this process, only a search for the truth.

Yours sincerely,
HARVEY DAVIES
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High Street, Winchester, Hampshire.
October 4.

From Mrs R. Colyer

Sir, Opponents of byway status may be unaware that they are the only category of public right of way which may never be ploughed. On the other hand, green lanes with only bridleway status can be ploughed, provided the flanking hedges are first removed; such hedge-removal causes great damage to wildlife and to the amenity of the countryside.

However, traffic regulation orders can be put on byways, limiting the type of vehicles which may drive on them, and/or their speed. Trail-bike riding is a Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme sport, and trail riders have an excellent code of conduct: which states that they must stop if they meet a walker, pedal cyclist or horse rider, and that they must observe speed limits.

Yours faithfully,
RUTH COLYER,
Orchardene,
Candys Lane, Shillingstone,
Blandford Forum, Dorset.
October 4.

Worzel classics

From Mr Keith Waterhouse and Mr Willis Hall

Sir, In your otherwise comprehensive obituary of the film director James Hill (October 10), it is surprising that you did not mention the long-running TV series *Worzel Gummidge*, starring John Pertwee, Una Stubbs and Geoffrey Bayldon, which we developed from the original stories by Barbara Euphan Todd and became something of a cult among adult viewers.

Under James Hill's sensitive and inspired direction, some of these episodes were mini-classics, proving that he was equally at home with children and living scarecrows as among animals.

Yours sincerely,
KEITH WATERHOUSE,
WILLIS HALL,
The Garrick Club,
Garrick Street, WC2.

Indonesian rights

From Mr Jonathan Humphreys

Sir, Patrick Nicholls, MP (letter, October 4), reporting on his recent visit to Indonesia and occupied East Timor, states that his delegation of the All Party Anglo-Indonesian Parliamentary Group conducted "an extensive series of meetings" in which discussions were held on the current human rights situation in Indonesia. I would dispute that they arrived at a true picture of the situation.

In the first place, the delegation consisted only of Conservative and Ulster Unionist MPs, which must place the "All Party" tag in some jeopardy. The delegation spent only three days in East Timor and did not venture outside the capital, Dili.

Mr Nicholls mentions his meeting with Bishop Belo, the leader of the Catholic Church in East Timor. My understanding is that the bishop agreed only to a ten-minute meeting. Shortly after this brief encounter, Bishop Belo was interviewed by Edward Olsen-Hafstead, a development consultant (the tape of this interview is in my possession). Replying to a question about the MPs' visit, this is what the bishop said:

It is sad that in three days they can state that they know the situation . . . and that the people of East Timor are happy, they agree with integration. I think it is not very fair to say that. They need to stay more and know the people. And it is not their matter [i.e., business] to say that the best way for East Timor is special status or integration . . . The problem is to ask the people.

In the same interview, Belo denies that there has been an improvement in the human rights situation, which Mr Nicholls suggests was his position.

Mr Olsen Haafstead reported that during the visit of Mr Nicholls and his colleagues, Indonesian soldiers appeared to have been kept off the streets of Dili, only to return in numbers immediately after their departure.

Following Mr Nicholls into occupied East Timor was a group of MPs from the Japanese Diet. Their complaints of being under constant Indonesian military supervision, and the refusal of the occupying authorities to let them go outside of Dili, echo the complaints of many official delegations to East Timor.

Yours etc,
JONATHAN HUMPHREYS
(Honorary Secretary),
The British Coalition for East Timor,
PO Box 2349, London E1 3HX.
October 4.

From the Director of Amnesty International (British Section)

Sir, Patrick Nicholls implies that Amnesty International is unwilling to give Indonesia a fair hearing. This is not true. Our research on Indonesia is based on a wide variety of sources, including numerous visits, and strenuous efforts are made to ensure its accuracy and impartiality. As in the past, we remain ready to discuss human rights with the Indonesian government.

But our concerns persist. Human rights violations in Indonesia and East Timor are institutionalised and widespread. They extend beyond much-publicised incidents such as the Santa Cruz massacre of 1991.

Mr Nicholls says that "the Indonesian government, from the President downwards, has fully taken on board international concerns on its human rights record and has done its best to address them". Yet of the 11 recommendations made by the UN special rapporteur on torture, after his visit in 1992 (in which he found that torture was commonplace), ten have still not been addressed.

Attempts by domestic and international organisations to monitor human rights are still regularly hindered. There is little evidence of any real change to support President Suharto's supposed commitment to human rights. Indeed he himself has boasted that the mysterious killings of an estimated 5,000 people in the 1980s were part of his policy of "shock therapy" against crime.

It is vital that foreign governments do not allow Indonesia's military government to believe human rights are unimportant. Mr Nicholls's comments, both in his letter and in statements reported in the Indonesian press during his visit, do not send appropriate signals.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BULL, Director,
Amnesty International
(British Section),
99-119 Rosebery Avenue, EC1.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
October 10: The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature — WWF International, this morning chaired a meeting and gave a Luncheon for the Executive Committee at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Senior Fellow, this evening opened the new headquarters of the Royal Academy of Engineering, 29 Great Peter Street, Westminster, London SW1.

Captain Jonathan Walker was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 10: The Princess Royal this morning opened the new training centre for the Women's Education in Building, based under the Westway, Ladbroke Grove, London W10.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon chaired a meeting of the Industry and Commerce Group followed by the annual corporate members' Reception at Marlborough House, London SW1.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Patron, United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage Trust, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, this evening attended the public lecture given by Sir Edmund Hillary on Antarctica at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore, London SW7.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 10: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, the University of Surrey, this evening received the Vice-Chancellor Professor Anthony Kelly, on relinquishing the appointment, and Mrs Kelly.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, this afternoon left RAF Northolt for Madrid to attend the Asociacion Española Contra el Cancer Conference.

Mrs Richard Beckett was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
October 10: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Reception at the Guards Museum, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy later attended a Dinner to mark the opening of the James McNeill Whistler Exhibition at the Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon-Lennox was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron and trustee, will preside at The Duke of Edinburgh's Award 17th general council at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow, at 10.50.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of SENSE, The National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, will open the Barnet Community Project at 12 Hyde Close, High Barnet, at 10.30; as President of the Animal Health Trust will attend the Princess Royal's Industry Committee Guinness luncheon at Guinness Landmark House, Hammersmith, at 12.30; as Patron of the College of Occupational therapists, will open the Phoenix Children's Resource Centre at 40 Mason's Hill, Bromley, Kent, at 3.40; and will attend the British Equestrian Olympic Fund committee's fund-raising event at Burberrys, Haymarket, at 6.30.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Engineering Council, will attend a council meeting at Maltravers Street, WC2, at 9.55; will visit the Thames Magistrates' Court at Bow Road, E3, at 2.30; and, as President of the Business and Technology Education Council, will attend a dinner at Plaisterers' Hall at 7.20 to mark the retirement of the chairman.

Lincoln's Inn

Mr Justice Rimer and Mr Richard Francis Barlow have been elected Benchers of Lincoln's Inn.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Samuel Clarke, theologian, Norwich, 1675; Arthur Phillip, founder of the penal colony at Sydney, New South Wales, London, 1738; James Barry, painter, Cork, 1741; Heinrich Olbers, astronomer, Arbergen, Germany, 1758; Joseph Gillot, pioneer of the steel pen, Sheffield, 1799; John Thadeus Delane, editor of *The Times* 1841-1877, London, 1817; Sir George Williams, founder of the YMCA, Dulverton, Somerset, 1821; Henry John Heinz, food manufacturer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1844; Sir Bernard Partridge, artist and cartoonist, London, 1861; Lewis Fry Richardson, mathematician, Newcastle, 1881; François Mauriac, novelist, Nobel laureate 1952, Bordeaux, 1885.

DEATHS: Huldreich Zwingli, Swiss reformer, killed in battle, Kappel, Switzerland, 1531; Sir Thomas Wyatt the Elder, poet, Sherborne, Dorset, 1542; Meriwether Lewis, explorer in NW America, Nashville, Tennessee, 1809; Samuel Wesley, musician, London, 1837; James Joule, physicist, Sale, Cheshire, 1889; Edward White Benson, Archbishop of Canterbury 1882-96, Hawarden, Clwyd, 1896; Anton Bruckner, composer, Vienna, 1896; Jean Fabre, entomologist, Serignan-du-Comtat, 1915; Maurice Vlaminck, painter, Rueil-la-Gadeliere, 1958; "Chico" Marx, actor, Hollywood, 1961; Jean Cocteau, poet, painter, actor and film director, Milly-la-Fôret, 1963; Edith Piaf, singer, Paris, 1963; Stanley Morison, typographer and historian of *The Times*, London, 1967.

Birthdays today

Sir Godfrey Agnew, former Clerk of the Privy Council, 81; Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark, former MP, 62; Miss Maria Bueno, tennis player, 55; the Hon Sir Adam Butler, former MP, 63; Sir Bobby Charlton, footballer, 57; Vice-Admiral Sir John Coward, 57; Miss Valerie Cumming, deputy director, Museum of London, 48; Sir Timothy Daunt, diplomat, 59; Sir Michael Edwardes, former chairman, British Leyland, 64; Miss Dawn French, actress and comedienne, 37; Mr Geoffrey Haslam, former chairman, Prudential Corporation, 80; Sir Denys Henderson, chairman, ICI, 62; Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McIntosh, 75; Mr Alan Pascoe, athlete, 47; Major-General F.J.C. Piggott, 84; *Lord Prior, 67;* Dame Diana Reader Harris, former headmistress, Sherborne School for Girls, 82; Mr David Rendall, tenor, 46; Dame Paddy Ridsdale, 73; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Stear, 56; Lord Tordoff, 66; Colonel Thomas H. Trevor, 83; Mr Thomas Wheare, headmaster, Bryanston School, 50; Mr Tony Worthington, MP, 53.

Receptions

The Royal Academy of Engineering
The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow of The Royal Academy of Engineering, attended a reception last night when he formally opened The Academy's new headquarters at 29 Great Peter Street, London, SW1. He was received by the President, Sir William Barlow, FEng, and the Executive Secretary, Mr John R. Appleton. Among those present were:
Founder Fellows of The Academy: Dr Simon Archer, FEng, Professor John Coales, CBE, FEng, FRS, Sir Hugh Ford, FEng, FRS, Mr Derek Kimber, OBE, FEng, Lord Stokes of Leyland, TD, DL, FEng, Professor Meredith Thring, FEng, and Sir Frederick Warner, FEng.

The Council of Christians and Jews
Mr Sidney Corob, CBE, Vice Chairman of the Council of Christians and Jews, was host at a Reception held yesterday at 62 Grosvenor Street, London, W1, in honour of the Ambassador of Israel, Mr Moshe Raviv. Among those present were:
The Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford and Chairman of the Executive Committee and Mrs Harries, Officers of the CCJ, the Ambassadors of Hungary, Austria and Poland.

To Professor B.S. Markesinis
The German Ambassador, the Master of the Rolls and other members of the judiciary yesterday attended a reception given by Oxford University Press at the Oxford and Cambridge Club in honour of Professor B.S. Markesinis.

The CRU Group
Mr Robert Perlman, Mr John Horam, MP, and the directors of CRU gave a reception at the Banqueting House, Whitehall to mark the 25th anniversary of the group.

The Royal Literary Fund

The 204th Annual General Meeting of the Royal Literary Fund will be held at the London Library, 14 St James's Square, SW1, on Wednesday, November 9, at 3.30pm.

ALAN WELLER



Gail Taphouse of the Royal Ballet at Dulwich Picture Gallery yesterday showing children how dancers train. The ballet also performed excerpts from Prokofiev's *Cinderella* for the children who go to schools at Rotherhithe, East Dulwich and West Norwood. The session ended with a demonstration of theatrical make-up

Estate agent is new owner of troubled Georgian mansion

By JOHN SHAW

THE new owner of Heveningham Hall, Suffolk, one of the finest Georgian mansions in Britain, was formally named yesterday as John Hunt, a London businessman.

The Grade I listed mansion near Halesworth went on the market more than two years ago for £4.5 million. Earlier this year it was reported to have been sold and contracts exchanged but the name of the buyer was not disclosed.

Jonathan Sission, a partner in Coopers & Lybrand, the insolvency specialists who have been dealing with the property, said: "We have completed the sale and the buyer is Mr John Hunt, a businessman in London."

Mr Hunt is managing director of the estate agents Foxtons, which has five offices in southwest London. He did not pay the full asking price but a company spokeswoman said the exact figure would not be disclosed.

Mr and Mrs Hunt have four children aged between five and 15 and live in London. They said that they intend to conserve and restore the house and the Capability Brown park and gardens.

The sale brings to an end a protracted saga. The house, set in 469 acres landscaped by Brown, was designed by Sir Robert Taylor, architect to George III in the 1770s. It is widely regarded as an early model for the Nash terraces in London, and has 12 reception rooms, 25 bedrooms and 19 bathrooms.

The house passed from the Vannick family to the Department of the Environment in 1970 and was the first stately home to be privatised by Margaret Thatcher in 1981. It was sold to an Iraqi businessman. An uncertain period followed. Restoration work was held up by a fire in 1984 and fireplaces and other fittings were stolen. The businessman died and the house was put up for sale.

Memorial services

Dr J.D. Fleeman
A Memorial Service for Dr J.D. Fleeman, Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxford, will be held in the University Church on Thursday, October 27, at 2.30pm. Tea will be served in the College after the service.

Mr Oliver Roskill
The Memorial Service for Oliver Roskill will be held at The Priory Church of St Bartholomew-The-Great, West Smithfield, London, EC1, on Wednesday, October 19, at 12 noon.

St Andrew's Ball

The St Andrew's Ball will be held in London on Friday, November 25. There will be pre-Ball sessions at Chelsea Red Cross Hall on Thursday, October 13, at Wandsworth Town Hall on Thursday, November 3, and a teaching evening on Thursday, October 27. Ball tickets are £28, Dinner tickets £11 extra (concession for parties of 10 or over before October 27) from the Ball Secretary, The Garden House, Cheriton, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 0QQ. Tel 0962 771352, Fax 771667.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Nicholas Wilson, Assistant Secretary of the Institute of Environmental Officers, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Mairi Radcliff presided.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at Lancaster House for Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, the Lao Foreign Minister. Mr Phoune Khammounheuang, the Lao Ambassador, was present.

Rotary Club of London
Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the London Marriott Hotel. Mr John Parker, president, was in the chair.

Dinner

Cardiff Business Club
The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, and Mr Gwilym Jones, MP, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The Guest Speaker was Mr Tim Melville-Ross, Director General, Institute of Directors. Mr John Allen, Chairman, Tai Cymru/Housing for Wales, presided.

Baroness Thomas of Walliswood

The life barony conferred upon Mrs Susan Petronella Thomas has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Thomas of Walliswood, of Dorking in the County of Surrey.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.T. Baiden and Miss A. MacLeay
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr R.G. Baiden, of Singapore and the late Mrs Margaret Stewart, and Alexandra, younger daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Neil MacLeay, of Emsworth, Hampshire.

Viscount Hawarden and Miss J.A. Bates
The engagement is announced between Robert (Connan), son of the late Viscount Hawarden and of Viscountess Hawarden, of Wingham Court, Canterbury, and Judith Anne, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bates, of Upton Wood, Sheperdswell, Kent.

Marriages

Mr W.M. Highwood and Miss M.J. Chambers
The marriage took place quietly on October 7, in Maidstone, between Mr William Mercer Highwood, of Marden, Kent, and Miss Moira Josephine Chambers, of Chart Sutton, Kent.

Mr J.C. Hirst and Miss H.A.C. Hobart
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 8, 1994, at the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, of Mr Julian Hirst, son of Sir David and Lady Hirst, to Miss Henrietta Hobart, daughter of the late Major General and Mrs P.R.C. Hobart.

A reception was held in the State Apartments of the Royal Hospital.

Mr J.R. Metherell and Miss S.Le Q. Herbert
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 8, at St Mary's Church, Hatfield Broad Oak, of Mr Julian Metherell, son of Mr Anthony Metherell and the late Mrs Metherell, and Sara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Le Quesne Herbert. The Rev David Hodgson officiated, assisted by the Rev Robert Block.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Eleanor Drinkwater, Henrietta Baxter and Sam Greig. Mr Simon Baxter was best man.

A reception was held at Woolards Ash and the honeymoon is being spent in New Zealand.

Church news

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Stanley Kenyon, Vicar, Barnetby-le-Wold (Lincoln): to retire as from December 23
The Rev John Payne, Rector, Elvington w. Sutton on Derwent and East Cottingwith (York): resigned as from September 30
The Rev George Pendleton, Curate, Conisbrough (Sheffield): resigned as from September 30
The Rev Richard Prentis, Vicar, Shifnal (Lichfield): retired as from August 31
The Rev David Stevens, Priest-in-charge, Wolborough (Exeter): to retire as from November 30
The Rev Brian Warrillow, Team Vicar, Hanley Team Ministry (Lichfield): to retire as from October 31
The Rev Jeremy Wordsworth, Vicar, Combe Down w. Monkton Combe and South Stoke (Bath and Wells): to retire as from April 30 1995

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Lord God of Hosts, restore us, and make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. Psalm 80:19 (REB)

BIRTHS

BEAMISH - On October 9th, to Juliet (née Beecroft) and Michael, a son, Charles Francis Cecil, a brother for Sophie.

BLENKO - On 4th October at the Wellington Hospital, to Marcia and Don, a beautiful daughter, Katie, a sister for Sarah.

BROOKS - On October 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Fairclough) and Rory, a son, Hugo, a brother for Amelia.

CAMERON - On October 8th 1994, to Sarah and Alexander, a son, Angus, a brother for Imogen.

CARR - On October 3rd 1994 at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra and John, a beautiful daughter, Darcia Aine, granddaughter for Anna Fogarty and JB Carr.

COURTIER-DUTTON - On October 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Cassida (née Millar) and David, a daughter, Rosanna Sophie.

ELY - On October 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Linda (née Merrill) and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Deirdre Merle, a sister for Bridget and Joe.

FALKENBURG - On 4th October, to Sara (née Foster) and Hans, a daughter, Sophie Camilla Kate, a sister for Tom and Amy.

FOSTER - See Havelock-Allan.

FRENZEL - On 6th October 1994, to Paula (née Wallace) and Christian, a son, Adam James, a brother for Tomas.

GOSSAGE - On October 4th 1994, at West Suffolk Hospital, to Jessica (née Vaughan) and Andrew, a son, Thomas Edmund Gresham.

HARROP - On Friday 7th October, to Louise and Matthew, a son, Edward Alfred, a brother for Tom.

HAVELOCK-ALLAN - On 6th October at The Portland Hospital, to Alison (née Foster) and Mark, a son, Henry (Harry), a brother for Miranda.

HUNT - Two lovely girls - born at The Portland Hospital on October 4th - Kristine and Samantha Hunt to Kevin and Kathryn.

JEFFRIES - On 24th September, in Johannesburg, to Sarah (née Nesbitt) and Paddy, a son, Sam, a brother for Harry and Alice.

LANCE HUGHES/STOCK - Robert and Francine are delighted to announce the arrival of Eleanor, a sister for Rebecca, on 8th October 1994.

LANGMUIR - On October 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Jan and Gavin, a son, Angus Woodburn, a brother for Sara.

LANG - On September 8th, to Vanessa (née Voelcker) and Alistair, a son, Jake Hugh, a brother for Lara.

MACKWORTH-YOUNG - On 6th October, to Iona (née Lindsay) and Charles, a son, Robin Gerard Lindsay, a brother for Rose and Constance.

McLUSKIE - On October 7th, to Sarah (née Deacon) and Peter, a daughter Millie Claire, a sister for Isabel and Celia.

MURRAIN - On October 8th at the Wellington Hospital, to Karen (née Hamilton) and Leslie, a beautiful daughter, Rachel Ella.

O'CONNELL-HUSSEY - On October 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Roisin and Marc, a beautiful son, Fionn Marc. Deo Gratias.

OGILVIE - On 2nd October 1994, to Georgina (née Paravicini) and Alexander, a son, Nicholas Robert.

OULTON - On October 4th, to Annie-Lou (née Barker) and Christopher, a beautiful daughter, Georgina Grace Alexandra, a sister for Harry, Rosanna and Charles.

SAUNDERS - On 3rd October, to Katherina (née Peyton-Jones) and Michael, a daughter.

SAVORY - On October 1st at the Wellington Hospital, to Fiona and Michael, a happy and beautiful daughter.

STEWART-WILSON - On October 7th, to Tamara (née Callaghan) and Aubyn, a daughter, Cecilia Alice Lorna.

WORSLEY - On October 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline and Warwick, a son, Bertram, a brother for Charles, Oliver and Jack.

DEATHS

ABELL - On October 8th 1994, peacefully, Anthony Foster KCMG. Much loved brother of George (deceased), Madeleine Thwaites and Bridget. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving 3pm Tuesday 18th October at Wherwell Parish Church. No flowers please. Donations if desired to The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds c/o Jno. Steel and Son, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester, Hants.

ALLEN - On October 9th 1994, John William Henry Allen aged 81 years, very dearly loved husband of Margaret and loving father of Catherine. For 25 years a member of The Colonial Audit Service and later with British Petroleum. Funeral Service at St Laurence Church, Warborough, Oxon., on Friday October 14th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for The Wallingford Community Hospital c/o Edward Carter (F/D), 107 South Avenue, Abingdon, OX14 1QS.

BECHHOFER-ROBERTS - On October 6th, peacefully at St Pancras Hospital, London, in her 93rd year, Peggie, widow of Carl and much loved sister of Alastair Robb-Smith. Funeral Service at West London Crematorium on Friday October 14th at 12.30 pm.

BELL - Gwylan Adelaide, of Oxted, Surrey, suddenly in hospital on 3rd October 1994, aged 73. She is sorely missed by Michael, Elisa, Ginny, Anthony, Christina, William and their families. The funeral will be held at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium at Worth on Thursday 13th October at 11am. Family flowers only.

BRAND - Rosemary Elizabeth (née Wust), on 8th October 1994, at home in Haddo, Scotland, after a courageous fight against illness. Ever loving wife to Douglas, mother to Andrew and Michael and sister to Jane. She will be sadly missed and dearly remembered by all who knew her. Service to be held at St Thomas', Aboyne, on Wednesday 12th October at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to cancer charity c/o William D. Massie & Son Funeral Directors, (0651) 851206.

BRIERLY - Peacefully and suddenly on Saturday 8th October 1994, in his 78th year, at his home in Dumfries and Galloway, Denys S.C. Brierly. Funeral Service in St John's Church, Upper Hopton, Mirfield, on Monday 17th October at 3pm and thereafter to Hopton Cemetery, near Mirfield, West Yorks. Family flowers only please but, if desired, a collection will be taken at Church in aid of W.W.F. for Nature.

BRYANT - (Dorothy Madge). Founder of the International School, Exeter. Peacefully in her sleep, aged 86, at Ty-Coch Nursing Home, Cardiff. A much loved mother and grandmother who will be missed by all the family. Funeral Service at St Leonard's Church, Exeter, Wednesday 12th October at 2.pm. Flowers to M. Silifant & Sons, 20 Holloway Street, Exeter by 12 noon.

BUCHANAN - James Adams (Jim) aged 92, peacefully on 10th October at Elmswood Rest Home, Tauranga, New Zealand. Much loved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. Funeral on Thursday 13th October at Tyes Pa Crematorium, Tauranga.

CLEMENT BROWN - On October 8th 1994, suddenly at home, Enid Mary, aged 87, of Poole, Dorset, dearly beloved widow of Raymond, mother of Anthony, Rosalind and Crispin, grandmother of Jonathan and mother-in-law of Grace and Bill. Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium, Strouden Avenue, on Friday 14th October at 3.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth (0202-309609.

DUNLOP - Peacefully at home, Doonside, on Saturday 8th October 1994, Inez, beloved wife of the late Billy, dearly loved mother of Jill, Wendy and Michael and devoted grandmother to her grandchildren. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Ayr, on Friday 14th October at 1.30 pm, thereafter to Alloway Parish Churchyard. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Ayrshire Hospice Fund.

EMMITT - On October 8th, suddenly, David Hudson, of Ponteland, Northumberland. Much loved husband of Dorothy and dear father of Guy and William. Service at West Road Crematorium, Newcastle, on Friday October 14th at 1.pm. Family flowers only please. Donations may be sent to British Heart Foundation c/o Newcastle General Hospital.

ESCRITT - On October 7th 1994, peacefully, Elsa, widow of Major General Fred Escritt, mother of Susan. Funeral at St Michael's Church, Bampton, Devon, on Monday October 17th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished for UNICEF may be sent to E. White & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, 138/139 East Reach, Taunton TA1 3HN.

FRANCIS - Montgomery, on October 8th suddenly but peacefully at home, beloved husband and dearest friend of Sue, dear father to Julian and Sarah, father-in-law to Jane and grandpa to Rachel, Christopher and Jonathan. Funeral Service October 14th 11.30 am St Peter's Church, Cranbourne. Family flowers only.

HOPE - Richard Andrew, youngest and much loved son of Peter and Hazel Hope, died 7th October aged 47 at the Royal Free Hospital after a long illness. R.I.P.

JOHNS - On 8th October peacefully at Denville Hall after a debilitating illness borne with fortitude, selflessness and humour. Diana (née Churchill), beloved wife of the late Marvyn Johns and sister of Elaine and the late Cynthia. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, on Friday 14th October at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip and afterwards at Denville Hall, Ducks Hill Lane, Northwood. Family flowers only or donations please to The Actors Charitable Trust c/o T.A. Ellement & Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, Middx. HA5 3HR.

JOHNSTONE - On October 8th 1994, peacefully at Creed, Elizabeth Alison aged 83 years, eldest daughter of the late George and Alison Johnstone and dear sister of Rachel and Jennifer. Funeral Service Thursday 13th October at Creed Church, family and staff only please. Memorial Service 2 pm Thursday 27th October at Probus Church. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired for Friends of The Royal Cornwall Hospital or The Salvation Army c/o Funeral Director, W.J. Beswetherick & Son Ltd., Central House, Fairmantle Street, Truro, tel: (0872) 74021.

JOHNSTON - On 9th October, Muriel aged 85, much loved wife of the late Jack Johnston, mother of John, Fleur, Trilby and Gail and proud grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mary with St Alban, Teddington, at 11 am on Friday 14th October followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please.

JOSEPH - Suddenly on Monday October 3rd 1994, Peter Leslie, of Chelsea, retired Architect and Town Planner and brother of the late Dr. D.H. Joseph of Halesowen. Funeral at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham, on Friday 14th October at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations for The Actors' Benevolent Fund to A.B. Taylor Funeral Services Ltd., 49 Wolverhampton Road South, Birmingham B32 2AY, tel: (021) 434-4340 to whom any enquiries may also be made.

KINGHORN - William John, widower of Marguerite, beloved father of Sheila and John. Died peacefully in his sleep on 8th October 1994. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium Chapel at 10.15 am on Thursday 13th October. Interment of ashes at Harrogate the following week. Family flowers only, but donations if wished to Amnesty International c/o T.W. Boorman Funeral Services, 31 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, telephone: (01892) 541070.

LAGESEN - On October 9th in hospital in South Africa after a short illness, Air Marshal Sir Philip Lagesen KCB, DFC, AFC, devoted husband of Dulcie and much loved father and grandfather.

LEE - On October 6th very suddenly, Marshall Gilmour, beloved husband of Kate and much loved father of Jeffrey, Tessa and Richard. Funeral on Monday October 17th, St Mary Abbotts Church, Vicarage Gate, Kensington W8 at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations if desired to 'Primary Club for Blind Cricketers' c/o W.S. Bond, 19 Bond Street, Ealing W5 5AP, tel: (081) 567-0422.

LISS - On 9th October, David, much loved and admired husband of Ann and father of Victoria. Funeral at Crayke Parish Church, Yorks., Friday 14th October at 2. pm. No flowers please but donations to the Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Association, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H ORA.

LUCK - Anthony John Francis, on October 7th peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, after a long illness bravely borne. Tony, so very much loved husband of Carolyn, father of Patricia and Stephen and cousin of Guy. Will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service will be held at St Mary's Church, Easebourne, nr. Midhurst, West Sussex, on Monday 17th October at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to West Sussex Macmillan Service. Enquiries to W.F. Lintott & Sons, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9DG, tel: (0730) 813264.

MARLOW - On 2nd October at a place of beauty that she loved, Catherine Louise Howel (née Jones). Darling Catherine, beautiful mummy. A service to celebrate her love and life will be held at Willoughby Parish Church, Warwickshire, at 3.pm on Thursday 13th October. Family flowers only.

MELVILLE - On Thursday October 6th 1994, peacefully, Arthur George Graham Melville, FRCSE, FRCR, aged 88 years, of 110 Belper Road, Derby. Beloved husband of Ane-Marie, father of Anne, Jean and Peter and loving grandfather. Funeral Service at 12.15 pm on Friday 14th October at Markeaton Crematorium, Derby. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to 'The D.R.I. Radio Therapy Cancer Research Charitable Fund' c/o G. Walhall and Son Ltd., 101-111 Macklin Street, Derby, DE1 1LG.

MONTGOMERY - On October 10th 1994 peacefully after a long illness endured with exemplary patience and courage, Dr. A.P.D. (Philip) Montgomery. Steadfast and dependable husband of Bronwen for 52 years, dearly loved and devoted father of Diana, Barbie, Patrick and Sarah, greatly loving Grappapa of John and Harriet, Alexander and Stephanie, Gabriela, and Nicholas. Private cremation at Oxford on Tuesday October 18th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Farnham, will be much appreciated. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, West Malling, on Wednesday November 2nd at 2.30 pm. All enquiries and letters to Jno. Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester, tel: (0962) 844044.

MORGAN - Doris, widow of the late Reginald Morgan and much loved mother of Susan and David, passed away peacefully on 9th October 1994 at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol. Funeral Service and cremation at Westerleigh Crematorium, Bristol, on Friday October 14th at 4 pm. Family flowers only, donations for The Children's Hospice, South West c/o Roy Preddy Funeral Directors, 2 Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol BS17 3EN.

SCOTT - On 30th September, Alexander Archibald, beloved husband of Julia and father of Daniel, Emily and Rupert. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service for his life at St Peter's Church, Moulton, nr. Newmarket, at 12 noon on Tuesday 18th October, followed by burial at St James's Church, East Tisted, at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 19th October. Family flowers only.

SCUDAMORE - On October 7th 1994 peacefully at home, Arthur Douglas Scudamore, O.B.E., in his 98th year. (Late of 2/10th Middlesex Regiment). Husband of the late Dora Sarah and beloved father of Mary, June and Anne. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Sidford, Devon, on Thursday October 13th at 2.30 pm, followed by interment at Sidbury Cemetery. Flowers to Potbury's Chapel of Rest, Sidmouth, please.

SEAMER - On October 8th 1994, Letice, deeply loved wife of John and their daughter Mary. Funeral Service at St George's, Preshute, Marlborough, Wilts., on Friday October 14th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Thanksgiving Service at Marlborough College Chapel on November 18th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries (0672) 512110.

SMITH - Ian Philip, on 8th October, aged 68. Suddenly at home in Pyrford, Surrey. Darling, caring husband of Anne and dear father of Andrew and Catherine. Formerly with Phoenix Assurance/Sun Alliance and Insurance Correspondent of the Financial Times. Then at the Insurance Ombudsman Bureau. Throughout his career an active member of The Chartered Insurance Institute, for a time editor of the C.I.I. Journal. Funeral at Woking St John's Crematorium at 11 am on Friday 14th October. Donations may be made to The British Heart Foundation.

TATE - On October 9th at home, David Henry, beloved husband of Norah, father of Caroline, Stephanie and Nicola and grandpapa of Harry, Isabella and George. Funeral Service on Friday October 14th 11 am at St Bartholomews Church, Leigh, Surrey. Family flowers only. Donations to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation c/o Ballard & Shortall, 69 Victoria Road, Horley, Surrey RH6 7QH.

TAYLOR - Peacefully at home, 43 Picardy Court, Rose Street, Aberdeen, on Thursday October 6th 1994, Gertrude Christina Wilson. Beloved wife of the late John MacFarlane Taylor, dear mother of Calleam MacArthur MacFarlane Taylor, dear mother-in-law of Mireille, devoted grandmother to Raphael, Ewen MacFarlane Taylor and Beatrice Mairi Taylor. Funeral Service in Holburn Central Church, Holburn Street, Aberdeen, on Wednesday October 12th at 10 am. All friends are respectfully invited. A further funeral service will be held on the same day in Comrie Parish Church, Comrie, Perthshire at 2 pm, thereafter to Comrie Cemetery for interment. All friends are respectfully invited. "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go".

THORP - On 8th October 1994, Alice Dorothea (Dora) Thorp, peacefully. Much loved mother of Tim and Martin and grandmother of Julian, Simon, Samantha, Laura, Helen and Clare. Funeral at St John Baptist Church, Penshurst, Kent, on Friday 14th October at 11.30am. Enquiries c/o H.J. Johnston and Son, Penshurst, (0892) 870572.

VOLLER - On 7th October 1994, Eunice, beloved mother of Anthony and Peter and grandmother of Caroline and Michael. Funeral Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday October 14th at 11.45 am. Flowers or donations for Copperciiff Hospice may be sent c/o J. Wagstaff Ltd., Funeral Directors, 227 South Coast Road, Peacehaven.

WILLIAMS - On October 5th 1994, peacefully in hospital, Professor Peter Llewellyn aged 67 years, beloved husband of Irene, dear father of Ross and Lyn. Service at St Martin's Church, Chelsfield, on Friday 14th October at 11 am. Flowers or, if desired, donations to the "Save Guys Campaign" c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, Orpington. Any enquiries please tel: (0689) 876116.

WRIGHT - On 29th September, Alfred William Fraser (Tim), while on business in South America. Funeral Service on Friday, 14th October 1994 at 1.30pm at Chelsea Old Church, Cheyne Walk, London SW3. In accordance with wishes, there will be no subsequent Memorial Service. No flowers, but donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o James Harcus, Messrs Gordon Dadds, 80 Brook Street, London W1Y 2DD.

WYNNE-EDWARDS - On October 8th very peacefully at Gorseway, Hayling Island, Bee, much loved wife of the late C. Capt. Cecil Wynne-Edwards and beloved mother and devoted friend of her John. Cremation at Chichester on Friday October 14th at 11.30 am. No flowers please, but donations to Hayling Island R.N.L.I. c/o Grady's Funeral Directors, 25 Mengham Road, Hayling Island, Hants. tel: (0705) 463828.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LLEWELLYN - A service in memory of the life and work of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Michael Llewellyn, Bart., will be held at St Mary's Church, Swansea, on Sunday 30th October 1994 at 3 pm. Enquiries to Clerk to the Lieutenancy, County Hall, Swansea SA1 3SN.

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HARVEY - Edgar Thomas, C.B.E., so unexpectedly died 11th October 1979. Always most lovingly and gratefully remembered. Helen and Jeremy.

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HOWARD - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Denis Howard will be held on Tuesday October 25th at 12 noon at St Luke's Church, Sydney Street, Chelsea SW3.

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OBITUARIES

RAICH CARTER

Raich Carter, former England footballer, died at his home in Willerby, near Hull, on October 9 aged 80. He was born in Sunderland on December 21, 1913.



ONE of the great inside-forwards of English football, strategist, brilliant tactician and a devastating shot, Raich Carter would undoubtedly have played many more times for his country had not war intervened. As it was, he played 13 times for England between his debut against Scotland in 1934 and his last appearance against Switzerland in 1947, scoring seven goals. During the war he made 14 unofficial appearances.

As a club player he will always be chiefly associated with Sunderland. But he was also highly successful at Derby County after the war and contributed a great deal at Hull City. He then had a single season with Cork Athletic before taking up a managerial career.

When the subject of "the greatest forward line England never fielded" comes up Carter's name is always on the list, along with those of his celebrated contemporaries Tom Finney, Wilf Mannion, Tommy Lawton and Stanley Matthews. Not a large man, at 5ft 7in and weighing only ten stone, Carter made up for lack of great physical strength through the application of one of the shrewdest brains ever to grace a football pitch.

He was a man of deceptive wiles, which included unsuspected speed on and off the ball and the stamina to play an entire game at full pelt. Many were the times when an opposing defence would watch his apparently languid approach with equanimity, only to find itself completely outmanoeuvred by a sudden burst of pace and its goal suddenly under dire threat. Carter was a master of the art of moving into open space long before "creating space" became the parrot cry of television commentators.

He was as good a strategist off the field as he was tactician on it. As player-manager at Hull, after his international career was over, he guided the club to promotion to Division Two in his first season in charge, by keeping a firm grip on training and selection. When Carter was at the helm there was never any doubt about who was calling the shots. He could be a rough master but he was able to make his ideas for the club effective on the field, and at Hull he enthused a young team with his own vision of what they could achieve. Later, at Leeds, he did the same, guiding them to the First Division and laying the foundation of their success under Don Revie.

Born in Sunderland, Horatio Carter was playing for his elementary school at ten and was soon afterwards playing for the Boys of Sunderland and for Durham County, either as inside-right or left. In 1927 and 1928 he was chosen for the England Boys XI, playing for the team in the latter year.

By the time he was 16, and apprenticed as an electrical mechanic, he was a leading light in the local apprentices league. Here he was against footballers much older than himself since young men could play up to the age of 21.

In 1930 he was given a trial by Leicester City who, mystifyingly, failed to discern the 17-year-old's genius and turned him down. So he went back to Wearside. In the following year, however, still not yet 18, he was given a trial by Sunderland who signed him up. He began his first full season with the club in 1932-33. It was to be his home until the outbreak of war interrupted his career.

In 1936 he became captain of Sunderland and led them to their league title that season. In the following year he skippered his team to victory in the FA Cup. A prolific goalscorer, Carter was four times Sunderland's leading marksman in seven seasons with the club.

In the meantime his international career had begun when he gained his first cap against Scotland in 1934. Among its highlights was a 3-0 win over Germany in 1935, in which Carter played alongside Stanley Matthews. During the war, when he served with the RAF, Carter "guested" for Derby County and in 1945 he signed for the "Rams".

His presence in the team brought immediate success to Derby. In what was perhaps his finest single performance for any club he combined magnificently with Peter Doherty, to inspire the team to a 4-1 victory over Charlton in the 1946 FA Cup final. That summer he also played first-class cricket for Derbyshire, representing the county in three games with both bat and ball.

In 1948 he moved on to Hull City where, in his first full season as player-manager, he was the inspiration behind promotion to the Second Division. Next, in a brief career with Cork Athletic, he won his last medal as a member of Cork's FA of Ireland Cup-winning team, in 1953. In that year he was appointed manager of Leeds United and by 1956 he had guided the team into the First Division.

In 1960 he was appointed manager of Mansfield Town and three years later moved to Middlesbrough. This was a less happy experience than his previous managerial jobs and he was not able to repeat the dramatic results he had achieved at Hull and Leeds. Dismissed from his Middlesbrough job in 1966, Carter thereafter played no further part in football management.

It was a somewhat anticlimactical end to what had been a distinguished contribution to the game, although his appointment, in 1968, to the Pools Panel of six experts who "guessed" soccer results on days when the fixture list was destroyed by bad weather kept him in touch with the sphere to which he had devoted his life. His international career had lasted 14 years. In a club career which spanned the years 1932-53 he made more than 450 league appearances and scored 216 goals. Latterly he had lived quietly at his home near Hull and had suffered a severe stroke last year.

Raich Carter is survived by his widow Pat, two daughters and a son.

LOTTIE NICHOLLS

Lottie Nicholls, musical hostess, died in London on October 2 aged 89. She was born in Kolomea, then a city of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, on October 4, 1904.



COUNTLESS musicians have cause to be grateful for the support given to them in their early careers by Lottie Nicholls, friend, party-giver, confidante and something of a dilettante. She was one of that now diminishing group of slightly eccentric individuals who held court in and around the Wigmore Hall, helping to create the intimate atmosphere for which, among other reasons, the hall has become justifiably famous.

Her address book was seemingly inexhaustible, and if she ever felt a particularly talented young artist was not receiving the attention they deserved from the music business, she would make it her business to fill the hall with VIPs, throw a party in her top-floor Upper Wimpole Street flat, and to effect all the necessary introductions to ensure the young person in question met all the right people. Countless artists benefited from her generosity, including the conductor Sir Charles Mackerras, the composer Sir Andrzej Panufnik, the pianist Clifford Curzon, the double-bass player Gary Carr and the violist Rivka Golani.

Born Charlotte Kaphan in a town on the river Pruth in Austrian Galicia, Lottie was the oldest of three children of a Jewish businessman. Left with a governess and her sister to fend for themselves while their parents and brother sought a less hostile climate further from the invading Russians, the 11-year-old Nicholls eventually arranged their escape to Vienna where, after some considerable difficulty, the family were reunited although forced to live in poverty.

Moving to Switzerland to join wealthier relatives, Nicholls did the accounts and book-keeping for her father's business. In 1924, partly to escape from the overbearing nature of these relatives and partly to pursue her father's business interests, Lottie made her home in London, where she met the conductor Rafael Kubelik whom she had first known in Switzerland. She married her landlady's son, a Russian émigré doctor, Nicolai Nicholls, himself Jewish, who appealed to her wilder side by initially biting into a ham sandwich and then offering it to her. Although proud of her Jewish roots, from this moment on Lottie had no time for the ceremonial side of her religion.

The young Kubelik lodged with her for a while and this gave her the idea of helping young artists over and above the assistance normally offered by their agents. Gradually her affections turned towards chamber music and the Wigmore Hall and, using her ever-growing list of contacts, she devoted her energies to packing the hall with friends and influential people. If one of her adopted musicians was performing — whether in one of her own promotions or not — she would not rest until satisfied that the hall was full, the musician prepared — whether that involved a bed for the night, a good meal, or some good, Jewish grandmother-style advice.

Her husband, who died in 1991, always kept an extremely low profile at musical events and positively disliked her party-giving. Nevertheless he undoubtedly bore the brunt of her entertaining, financially, as Lottie Nicholls rarely ran her otherwise highly efficient operations for anything more than modest financial gain.

A great hoarder, she acquired a remarkable collection of antique lace and fans as well as memorabilia from 50 years of concert-going. Her generosity was again shown in later life when she donated many of her hundreds of books on music to the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem, which caters for both Arab and Jewish musicians.

Lottie Nicholls was still entertaining and introducing people to each other until a few months ago. She remained well-dressed as ever, and kept her serene beauty and charm, with deep blue eyes, a kind face and a sharp mind. She died only two days short of her 90th birthday. She is survived by her son.

D. E. L. HAYNES

D. E. L. Haynes, former Keeper of Greek and Roman Antiquities at the British Museum, died on September 27 aged 81. He was born on February 15, 1913.



DENYS HAYNES spent almost forty years from 1939 working in the Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities at the British Museum. He belonged to that great generation of postwar Keepers, including Basil Grey, Richard Barnett and Rupert Bruce-Mitford, so few of whom now survive. He devoted much of his career to working in the galleries — evacuating the exhibits before the war and replacing them afterwards — and then overseeing a major reinstallation which turned a suite of 19th-century galleries into a 20th-century exhibition. Along the way, he also made important contributions to the study of classical archaeology, through his various scholarly publications. He was a gentleman scholar of the old school, unfailingly courteous and charming to his staff.

Denys Eyre Lankester Haynes was born in Harrogate, the son of an Anglican parson. From Marlborough he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, before spending a year as a scholar at the British School at Rome, which led to his first monograph, a study of the Porta Argentariorum, published in 1939.

His professional career began with an appointment as Assistant Keeper in the Department of Metalwork at the Victoria & Albert Museum in 1937, but in 1939 — in the wake of the scandal surrounding the over-cleaning of the Parthenon sculptures in preparation for their display in the new gallery funded by Lord Duveen — he transferred to the Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities at the British Museum, where Bernard Ashmole had recently been appointed Keeper. With an interruption for war service, Haynes was to spend the rest of his career at the British Museum, becoming Deputy Keeper in 1954 and serving as Keeper from 1956 until his retirement in 1976.

His war service began at the War Office, where he was useful particularly for his knowledge of German. He later served in Intelligence in Italy and in 1943 was appointed Antiquities Officer for Libya. There he wrote the *Historical and Archaeological Guide to Ancient Tripolitania* (1946), revised as *Antiquities of Tripolitania* (1956). He was later to serve as chairman of the Society for Libyan Studies.

There was little time for scholarship when he had first joined the British Museum in 1939, since priority had to be given to dismantling the exhibitions and packing the collection for wartime storage. Retrieval, unpacking and reinstallation provided a major task for the postwar years, and although much had been accomplished by 1956, when Ashmole left the museum for the chair of Classical Archaeology in Oxford, it was left to Haynes to complete work on the bomb-damaged Duveen Gallery, which was opened at last in 1962.

The occasion was commemorated by his publication of *An Historical Guide to the Sculptures of the Parthenon*. This was based on the 40-year-old *Short Guide*, originally written by Arthur Smith and revised by Ashmole for the interim postwar installation of the Parthenon Sculptures in 1949. It was now revised in the light of the new arrangement of the sculptures and augmented with a new account of their acquisition by Lord Elgin and subsequently by the museum. Another new gallery illustrating Greek and Roman life was also opened in 1962 in a part of the museum that had been devastated by incendiary bombs in 1941.

In 1964 Haynes produced an illustrated booklet on *The Portland Vase*, characterised by him as "a popular publication" but actually, with its footnotes and bibliographical survey, more scholarly than would perhaps be acceptable nowadays in one of the museum's "popular" works. His subsequent dispute with Ashmole on the iconography of the Portland Vase was pursued in the pages of the *Journal of Hellenic Studies* with characteristic urbanity on both sides.

Without doubt Haynes's greatest achievement in display was on the ground floor of the museum, where the old exhibition of sculpture of various periods in a rather haphazard order was replaced by a series of 14 rooms adjacent to the Duveen Gallery, presenting a survey of classical antiquities in many media, in a chronological sequence from the Greek Bronze Age through the Archaic, Classical and Hellenistic periods to the Roman Empire.

The old Elgin Room was given over to a spectacular display of the Nereid Monument from Xanthos (visitors have been heard to gasp on first seeing the restored façade), with a staircase at one end giving access to a small room of which the dimensions were calculated to fit the frieze from the interior of the Temple of Apollo at Bassae. An integrated new exhibition on this scale was without precedent in the British Museum and its modern style of presentation brought the Greek and Roman Department firmly into the 20th century.

As a pioneering venture, begun at a time when the British Museum had not yet recruited its own staff of professional designers, it relied heavily for design services on outsiders with little or no experience of museum work. Perhaps inevitably mistakes were made, and it was Haynes who had to see that things were put right. The new exhibition was opened in 1969.

Exhibition work on this scale inevitably made inroads into the time that, in the days of Haynes's predecessors, might have been devoted to more scholarly ventures. Although he wrote a small book on *The Arundel Marbles* for the Ashmolean Museum, published in 1975, it was not until after his retirement in 1976 that he was able to see into print the lectures he had given as Geddes-Harrower Professor of Greek Art and Archaeology at Aberdeen in 1972-73 (with *Greek Art and the Idea of Freedom* in 1981). His major work on *The Technique of Greek Bronze Statuary*, the fruit of a lifetime's study of Greek bronzes, did not appear until 1992.

In 1951 he married Sybille Overhoff, a scholar in the field of Etruscan bronzes. There were no children.

FORREST SAGENDORF

Forrest Cowles Sagendorf, American cartoonist, died at Sun City, Florida, on September 22 aged 79. He was born in Wenatchee, Washington State, on March 22, 1915.



FORREST SAGENDORF devoted his working life to the "Popeye" comic strip. Known as "Bud", he was only 17 when he left California high school to seek his fortune as a cartoonist in New York. He began working for the King Features syndicate under Elzie C. Segar, who had first drawn the "Popeye" comic strip under the title "Thimble Theatre" three years earlier, in 1929.

After Segar's death in 1938, Sagendorf joined other artists in writing and drawing the daily strip for the next two decades until in 1958 he took full control and introduced several new characters, including Granny and Dufus.

Failing eyesight forced him to cut back in 1986, surrendering most of the work to another cartoonist, Bobby London, but continuing to draw the strip for Sunday papers until the time of his death. In fact, since 1992, all the Popeye cartoons have been Sagendorf's work, after London had disgraced himself in the eyes of King Features by submitting a sequence in which the heroine, Olive Oyl, made a veiled reference to abortion rights.

King Features withdrew the sequence, dismissed the offending cartoonist, and began offering old Sagendorf strips to the daily papers instead. With Sagendorf's death the company has said it will continue this policy, but hire another cartoonist to draw the Sunday feature.

He leaves his wife, two sons and one daughter.

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[From the *Sidney Gazette*]

FLOOD AT HAWKESBURY.

From the Green Hills, the following report, contained in a private letter, dated on Tuesday night, eleven o'clock, was received in town on Thursday:

"With regret, I inform you, of the dreadful scene that at the present moment chills me with excessive horror. The whole of this extensive settlement is one uninterrupted sheet of water. The lower range of houses upon the Green Hills is immersed, and the river has formed a junction with South Creek, across the hills, through Bickerby's grounds upon the river side, and those of the Rev. Mr. Marsden on the Creek. Yesterday and last night was a most dreadful season. The danger encroached with a rapidity never before witnessed; and the cries of the numerous families who were more imminently exposed were rendered still more agonizing by the impracticability of affording them immediate relief. In one alarming instance, a young man, settler, his wife, and three children, were seated on a ladder lain across the fork of a tree, in which situation they contrived to sustain an equilibrium for nearly three hours, the man a great part of the time clinging by his hands at the end of the ladder: but at last yielding to fatigue, he forsook his hold, and all were in consequence precipitated into the deluge. The woman and children were picked up, but the fate of the unfortunate man is doubtful. A settler at Cornwallis passed the hills this morning on the top of a small wheat-stack; his fate is unknown: but it is much hoped he may have been preserved by some of the boats employed in this humane work. In another and truly melancholy instance, eight persons are supposed to have perished in one spot ... Some lives are lost, many have been saved by the exertions of the more enterprizing, directed by our Magistrates, who by their example encouraged the toil of rescuing whole families from the very verge of fate. And I cannot omit to mention the active and indefatigable exertions of Messrs. Thompson and Biggers, to whom, under the direction of Divine Providence, many are indebted for their lives. Their fatigues were equal to their dangers, which were increased by the extreme darkness of the night: during which their boats were repeatedly stove, and it was with difficulty they could with their crews preserve their lives ...

At the farm of Mr. S. Terry, nine persons, viz.— Cooley, of Toongabbee; Munsey, of Hawkesbury; Hodges, servant to a gentleman of Sydney; Mahomed, an Asiatic, his wife and two children, and two black men, had endeavoured to secure themselves on the top of the barn, which fell in about five on Monday evening: but as there was no other resource left, they continued upon the roof for about two hours after, when the wife of Mahomed fell through the thatch with one of her children in her arms, and was no more seen. Cooley, endeavouring to save the other child, which clung to Mahomed, the father slipped off with the infant, and in like manner disappeared; as did Munsey also ...

ON THIS DAY

October 11 1810

The Sidney Gazette, Australia's first newspaper, was founded in 1803. The appearance of this long article from a country far distant from London and whose population was three quarters convicts suggests a dearth of domestic and European news.

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Pardon invalid but abuse of process to prosecute now

Attorney-general of Trinidad and Tobago and Another v Phillip and Others

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Woolf and Lord Lloyd of Berwick

[Judgment October 4]

The pardon granted by the acting President of Trinidad and Tobago to participants in an armed insurrection in 1990 was invalid but it would be an abuse of process to seek to prosecute them now for offences committed in the course of that insurrection.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council allowed an appeal by the appellants, the Attorney-general of Trinidad and Tobago and the Director of Public Prosecutions, from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Trinidad and Tobago dismissing their appeal from Mr Justice Brooks in the High Court of Trinidad and Tobago, who had declared that the detention and prosecution of the respondents, Lennox Phillip, also called Yasin Abu Bakr, and 113 others, for offences in relation to the insurrection contravened their constitutional rights and that damages therefore should be assessed by a judge in chambers.

Mr George Newman, QC and Miss Denise Hackett, of the Trinidad and Tobago Bar, for the Attorney-general: Mr Ewart Thorne, QC, Miss Miriam Samaru and Mr Ian Benjamin, all of the Trinidad and Tobago Bar, for the Director of Public Prosecutions: Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC and Ms Phillippa Kaufmann for the respondents.

LORD WOOLF said that the respondents took part in an armed insurrection between Friday, July 27 and Wednesday, August 1, 1990, intending to overthrow the lawful government of Trinidad and Tobago. After the insurrection had come to an end they were arrested and charged with offences including treason and murder.

They contended that their detention was unlawful relying on a pardon they had received during the insurrection from the acting President of Trinidad and Tobago.

They commenced proceedings for leave to issue a writ of *habeas corpus* and for contravention of their rights under the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

In consolidated proceedings, Mr Justice Brooks granted them an order of *habeas corpus* and ordered their release from detention forthwith. He also granted a declaration that their detention and prosecution had contravened their constitutional rights and ordered damages to be assessed and paid by the state.

In Trinidad and Tobago, unlike the position now in the United Kingdom, there was no appeal against an order of *habeas corpus*. However, there was an express right of appeal in constitutional matters. The appellants appealed to the Court of Appeal, which dismissed the appeal. The present appeal was from that decision.

The issues all depended on the validity of the pardon. The grounds relied on by the appellants to establish its invalidity were: (a) the pardon was obtained by duress and at the dictate of the respondents; (b) the pardon related to offences not yet committed; and (c) the respondents did not comply with the condition to which it was subject.

The respondents argued that, even if the pardon was invalid, it would now be an abuse of process to prosecute them in respect of the offences with which they had been charged.

The respondents were members of a religious sect known as the Jamaat al Muslimeen. On Friday, July 27, 1990, about 70 of them led by Abu Bakr, their Imam, stormed the Trinidad and Tobago television building while a second group of about 40 commanded by Bilaal Abdullah stormed the Parliament building, the Red House. A number of people were killed in the course of the attacks.

The acting President set up a command post at Camp Ogden where he was joined by military chiefs and others. Given the risk to innocent lives it was agreed that they would open negotiations to seek a peaceful solution.

The Prime Minister and the members of Parliament at the Red House were kept bound hand and foot and made to lie prone on the floor at gun point. The Prime Minister and Minister Richardson were shot and wounded. Canon Clarke was enrolled as a mediator.

On Saturday morning he was given a document headed "Major points of agreement", a letter of resignation by the Prime Minister and a letter appointing Mr Dookeran as acting Prime Minister. The former document stated, *inter alia*, that Mr Dookeran was to secure an amnesty whereupon "All [were] to be freed".

Canon Clarke and Mr Dookeran delivered the three documents to Camp Ogden. After Canon Clarke had expressed great fear for his life and those of the hostages, if he returned without some concrete response, the acting President signed an amnesty and Canon Clarke took a copy to the Red House.

Until the Monday evening spasmodic negotiations took place and supplementary political demands were put forward by the Muslimeen. There was continuous gun fire for which members of the police force were at least partly responsible.

Thereafter communications between the Muslimeen and government representatives improved but the surrender of the Muslimeen and release of the hostages was delayed. Abdullah was trying to ensure that, if they laid down their arms and came out from the Red House and the television building, they would be taken to a destination where they would be safe. On Wednesday, August 1, they surrendered.

Power to pardon

The terms of the pardon were: "I, Joseph Emmanuel Carter, as required of me by the document headed 'Major points of agreement' hereby grant an amnesty to all those involved in acts of insurrection commencing approximately 5.30pm on Friday July 27, 1990, and ending upon the safe return of all members of Parliament held captive on July 27, 1990. This amnesty is granted for the purpose of avoiding physical injury to the members of Parliament referred to above and is therefore subject to the complete fulfilment of the obligation safely to return them."

Section 87(1) of the constitution empowered the President to grant to any person a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, respecting any offences that he might have committed.

A pardon was an executive act of the state. Both under English law and under the constitution of Trinidad and Tobago a pardon should not be treated as being analogous to a contract. In England its authority was derived from the prerogative and in Trinidad and Tobago its authority was dependent upon the constitution.

A pardon could be subject to lawful conditions. If so, the protection provided by the pardon might not be conferred until the condition had been complied with. While the effectiveness of the pardon would then depend upon compliance with the condition, non-compliance would not affect the time of the grant of the pardon. The grant was not to be treated as deferred pending compliance with the condition.

The initial validity of the pardon had to be judged at the time of the grant; although a pardon which was initially valid might subsequently be rendered valueless before it had had any effect due to non-compliance with a condition to which it was subject. Whether or not a pardon had been granted was to be determined objectively and in this case a pardon had been granted.

A pardon could in the ordinary way only relate to offences which had already been committed. Its effect was to blot out, so far as the subject of the pardon was concerned, any responsibility which he had for any offences covered by the pardon.

Such offences could no longer be a lawful cause for depriving him of his liberty or for taking proceedings against him in respect of the offence.

A power to pardon could not be used to dispense with criminal responsibility for an offence not yet committed. That was a principle of general application which was of the greatest importance.

The state could not be allowed to use a power to pardon to enable the law to be set aside by permitting it to be contravened with impunity. Section 87(1) of the constitution did not apply to offences not yet committed.

The pardon was subject to a condition which required the Muslimeen to return safely all the members of Parliament held captive and presupposed that the insurrection would only end upon their safe return.

As that did not happen until the following Wednesday, it was necessary to decide whether the pardon was in fact purporting to apply to offences not yet committed and, if so, whether that affected its validity.

Those were different questions from the question whether there was compliance with the condition which was imposed. In answering questions of that nature a technical and rigid approach was not to be used. In the case of a pardon, a purposive construction was to be adopted which sought to uphold its validity.

If possible a condition would be construed in a way that meant that if it did involve, whether expressly or by implication, trespassing on the principle that a pardon must not waive responsibility for future offences, the degree of trespass was strictly limited so that it was acceptable.

Effect of duress

It was not necessary to decide on the appeal whether a pardon formally granted would ever be set aside for duress. For it to be capable of being set aside would require very exceptional circumstances, circumstances where, in the case of Trinidad and Tobago, it could be said that the document which recorded the purported grant of a pardon was not the President's document, notwithstanding that it bore his signature.

Whether that was the situation had to be determined, not by applying contractual or equitable principles which governed agreements between individuals, but principles which paid due regard to the fact that the pardon recorded the official decision of a head of state.

Heads of state and their governments were faced regularly with situations where they were forced to make decisions when they were subject to very great pressure. Sometimes they were compelled to take action in the public interest which at the time they considered to be the lesser of two evils and which, if they had not been subject to outside forces, they would never have taken.

Decisions which could involve even the life of their citizens had to be taken on behalf of the state. That was part of the heavy responsibility of the office and, at least in any but the most exceptional of situations, if a head of state or a government granted a pardon, it could not avoid the consequences of that grant because it would have acted differently but for the pressure which existed.

Where the head of state made a formal decision which in normal circumstances would constitute a pardon, it was important that the state should not be able to resile from the terms of that pardon except in the most limited of circumstances.

Otherwise the advantages which could flow from the grant of a pardon could be lost since the prospective subject of a pardon would rapidly appreciate that it might not be possible for it to be relied on.

No precedent had been found for any court setting aside a pardon on the ground of duress. In *Mustapha v Mohammad* ([1987] LRC (Const) 16, 94) Mr Justice Tan looked for guidance on the meaning of duress from two dictionaries, both of which referred to direct physical violence, or pressure, or actual imprisonment to the person whose act was being challenged.

On a challenge to the validity of a pardon at least direct action of that nature would be required to establish duress. The conduct relied upon in this case was not of that direct nature.

Effect of the condition

The pardon clearly contemplated that the insurrection would come to end at the same time as the respondents complied with the condition safely to return the hostages.

If the pardon was treated as coming into existence when the document was handed to Canon Clarke, there was inevitably going to be a period before the condition could be complied with during which the insurrection would continue.

The appellants argued that that meant the pardon was a nullity from the outset, or alternatively that the condition at least required the respondents, on being informed of the terms of the pardon, forthwith to make it clear that the insurrection was at an end and that the hostages were free to leave the Red House. The respondents argued that at most the condition had to be fulfilled within a reasonable time, which on the findings below had happened.

The acting President had no power to grant a pardon which would take effect at some uncertain time in the future and which purported to pardon any offences committed in the meantime.

The pardon did not say it was only to take effect if the condition was performed within a reasonable time. If that was its meaning it would have been invalid, because it would permit a significant period of time to elapse prior to it taking effect during which commission of further offences might occur.

At the time of the grant it was possible, if not probable, that because the respondents had other demands outstanding they would want to negotiate further prior to the hostages being handed over. Compliance with the condition would only be reasonably practical after the elapse of a substantial further period of time during which the unlawful insurrection would continue.

The acting President could not grant a pardon capable of giving protection to continuing offences over such a lengthy period, even though the delay in releasing the hostages was not, in all the circumstances, unreasonable. That would amount to dispensing with the law in a way which was not permissible.

The alternative way of seeking to justify the pardon was to treat it as an offer of a pardon subject to a condition which had to be complied with, by way of acceptance of the offer, in a strictly limited period.

That would not assist the respondents because the time which elapsed before it could be said the offer was accepted was excessive. To construe the pardon as being subject to a condition which was to be complied with either promptly or as soon as practicable was also of no practical assistance to the respondents, because they did not comply with the condition. The courts below were wrong in treating the pardon as valid.

Abuse of process

The common law had developed a formidable safeguard to protect persons from being prosecuted in circumstances where it would be seriously unjust to do so. It could well be an abuse of process to seek to prosecute those who had relied on an offer or promise of a pardon and complied with the conditions subject to which that offer was made. If there were not circumstances justifying the state in not fulfilling the terms of its offer or promise, then the courts could intervene to prevent injustice.

To prosecute the Muslimeen now because of a decision of the board that the pardon was invalid would be inconsistent with the decision of Mr Justice Brooks that they were entitled to an order of *habeas corpus*, which could not be the subject of an appeal.

It would, because of that, be a manifest abuse of process to circumvent such provision of the law of Trinidad and Tobago by bringing a further prosecution relying on the outcome of an appeal under the constitution.

The result was that the pardon was invalid. It was not unlawful to initiate a prosecution of the Muslimeen and arrest them, but after the order of *habeas corpus* was made it would be an abuse of process to seek once more to prosecute them for the serious offences committed in the course of the insurrection.

However, their previous detention was not unlawful and their constitutional claim should not have succeeded. Their Lordships therefore allowed the appeal and set aside the declaration granted by Mr Justice Brooks and his order for damages to be assessed.

Solicitors: Charles Russell: Simons Muirhead & Burton.

Whether claim was properly brought

Arab Monetary Fund v Hashim and Others (No 9)

Before Mr Justice Chadwick

[Judgment July 29]

In order to decide whether a claim involving a foreign element was *properly brought under the Civil* Liability (Contribution) Act 1978 it was necessary only to construe the language of the Act; there was no preliminary question as to proper law the answer to which determined, independently of the Act, *whether the Act applied.*

Mr Justice Chadwick so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when ordering Jawad Mahmoud Hashim to pay to the claimants (i) First National Bank of Chicago, body corporate, (ii) First National Bank of Chicago (CI) Ltd, (iii) First National Bank of Chicago (Cayman) Ltd and (iv) First Chicago International, body corporate, a contribution of $10 million in respect of the payment in September 1992 by the claimants to the Arab Monetary Fund of $13,450,000 in full and final settlement of claims, inclusive of interest and costs, made against the claimants by the fund.

Mr Ian Geering, QC and Mr Clive Freedman for the claimants: Mr Colin Ross-Munro, QC, Mr Hugo Page and Mr Adam Lewis for Dr Hashim.

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK said that the claim for a contribution had been resisted on a number of grounds the first being that the 1978 Act did not apply to all contribution claims brought in the English court but only to those claims governed, in accordance with the rules of private international law applicable in that court, by English domestic law.

Reliance had been placed by Mr Ross-Munro on *Working Paper No 75 of the Law Commission: the classification of limitation in private international law* paragraphs 73 to 78, in particular paragraph 76 which expressed the view that "the 1978 Act will apply only to those claims for contribution involving rules of private international law where the law governing the contribution claim (as opposed to P's right of action) is English law. There is no direct English authority on the law to govern a contribution claim but the better view would seem to be that it is a matter to be governed by the proper law of the obligation."

No authority had been cited in the paper for that proposition which had been repeated, again without substantiating authority, in *Working Paper No 87 of the Law Commission: private international law: choice of law in tort and delict* paragraph 2.83.

Reliance had also been placed on the decision of the Supreme Court of South Australia in *Plozza v South Australian Insurance Co Ltd* ([1963] SASR 122).

The premise implicit in Mr *Ross-Munro's argument was that* the Act contained rules which were only applicable as part of English domestic law and did not itself contain rules of private international law for the purpose of identifying the circumstances in which the English court was to apply the Act to cases involving foreign elements.

In his Lordship's view that was a false premise. The correct approach was not to ask whether, under some rule of English private international law which was to be found or ascertained independently of and without regard to the provisions of the Act itself, the contribution claim was to be determined by reference to the Act but, rather, to ask whether under the rules of law applicable in an English court, which included the provisions of the Act itself, the contribution claim ought to succeed.

In a case involving foreign elements that required the court to decide whether, on a true construction of the Act, the legislature intended to confer on B a right of contribution against C which was to be recognised and enforced in England. The court was not concerned with any obligation to contribute which might exist between C and B independently of the Act.

It would therefore be strange if, before it came to construe the Act at all, the court were required to answer a preliminary question which was unrelated to and inconsistent with the basis upon which the statutory right of contribution arose under English law.

To ask whether a right of contribution, arising out of any relationship between B and C other than their relationship as persons each of whom was liable to A in respect of the same damage, ought to be determined by English domestic law would be to ignore the basis upon which the right arose under that law.

The decision of Mr Justice Hogarth in *Plozza* was no authority for the proposition that a right conferred by a local statute was not available in respect of all claims made in the domestic court, but only in respect of those claims governed under the relevant rules on conflict of law to be ascertained independently of the statute, by the domestic law in that court.

His Lordship was not persuaded, therefore, by that authority of any of the others to which Mr Ross-Munro had referred, that he should alter his *prima facie* view on consideration of the Act itself, namely that in order to decide whether a claim was properly brought under the Act it was necessary to construe the statutory language.

If B and C were each persons against whom liability had been or could be established in an action brought against them by A in an English court, applying the appropriate law in accordance with English private international law rules, then the Act conferred on B a right of contribution against C to which the court had to give effect. There was no preliminary question as to proper law the answer to which determined, independently of the Act, whether the Act applied.

Solicitors: Allen & Overy: Landau & Scanlan.

Note of prosecution application must be kept

Regina v Turner (Paul)

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice May and Mr Justice Sachs

[Judgment October 6]

When the prosecution made an *ex parte* application to the trial judge to justify non-disclosure of material on the ground of public interest immunity, it was essential that a verbatim record was kept so that, in the event of an appeal, the court should know what had been said before the judge, and what his reaction and ruling were.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when giving the judgment of the Court of Appeal, after a hearing partly *in camera*, allowing an appeal by Paul David Turner, aged 29, of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, at Lincoln Crown Court (Judge David Wilcox and a jury) against conviction on counts of having an imitation firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence and robbery, for which he had been sentenced in total to eight years imprisonment.

Mr Paul Mytton, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Keith Jackson for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that of a number of grounds of appeal, the first ground was that the judge erred in failing to order that the prosecution should reveal details of an informer. The prosecution did not wish to disclose his name.

The day before the trial the Crown applied *ex parte* to the judge to rule that they were not under any duty of disclosure, according to the principles laid down in *R v Ward* ([1993] 1 WLR 619). The judge ruled in their favour.

Before the trial began, the appellant, who was aware that there had been an informer and thought that he had participated in the offence charged, applied to the judge, also *ex parte*, to order details of the informer to be disclosed. The judge refused the application.

Two procedural points had first to be made.

1 Their Lordships wished to *emphasise, as had been stated in R v Keane* (*The Times* March 15; [1994] 1 WLR 746) but had not been decided when the appellant was tried, that *ex parte* applications were contrary to the general principle of open justice in criminal trials and were to be made only by the Crown and only when seeking a court ruling on disclosure. The defence application in the present case ought, therefore, not to have been heard *ex parte*.

2 Their Lordships were dismayed to find that no record had been kept of the Crown's application. Crown counsel could not recall whether the application had been mechanically recorded but certainly no record had been traced.

In their Lordships' view it was essential that a verbatim record should be kept of such an *ex parte* application so that the Court of Appeal knew exactly what had been before the judge and what his reaction and ruling were. Although their Lordships did not know precisely what had taken place, they had seen the documents.

As to the balancing exercise between public interest immunity and the interest of the defendant which the judge had to conduct on such an application: as stated in *Keane*, if the disputed material might prove the defendant's innocence or avoid a miscarriage of justice, then the balance came down resoundingly in favour of disclosure.

Since *R v Ward* ([1993] 1 WLR 619) there had been an increased tendency for defendants to seek disclosure of informants' names and other details, alleging them to be essential to a defence of being set up or of duress, which at one time was rare but had multiplied.

Their Lordships wished to alert judges to the need to scrutinise with great care applications for disclosure of such detail about informants. They would need to be astute to see that assertions of the need to know such details were justified because they were essential to running the defence. If they were not so justified, the judge would need to adopt a robust approach in declining to order disclosure.

Cases would differ. There would be cases where the informant was that and no more and others where he might have participated in the events constituting, surrounding or following the crime. Even when the informant had participated, the judge would have to consider whether that impinged on an issue of interest to the defendant present or potential so as to make disclosure necessary.

Their Lordships had concluded that the judge's exercise of discretion could not be justified and, in the circumstances, the convictions had to be quashed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Lincoln.

Corrections

In *R v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Godwin and Crook* (*The Times* August 16) the order made under section 39 prohibited the publication of any details leading to the identification of the three children involved in the case. It did not prohibit the naming of the defendants, but as they were the parents of the children it had that effect.

The second name in the Mansfield Scholarships awarded by Lincoln's Inn (Report, October 7) should have been Daniel Lightman.

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Human Rights Law Report — Strasbourg

No breach in company inspectors' report on Fayeds

Fayed v United Kingdom
(Case No 28/1993/423/502)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges R. Bernhardt, C. Russo, S. K. Martens, R. Pekkanen, A. N. Loizou, Sir John Freeland, L. Wildhaber and J. Makarczyk

Registrar M.-A. Eissen

[Judgment September 21]

The European Court of Human Rights held, unanimously, that there had been no violation of article 6, paragraph 1, of the European Convention on Human Rights in connection with the publication of a report drawn up by two inspectors who had been appointed by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to investigate the affairs of a public company owned by the three applicants.

Article 6, paragraph 1, of the Convention provides: "In the determination of his civil rights and obligations ... everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing ... by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law..."

The applicants, Mr Mohamed al Fayed, Mr Ali Fayed and Mr Salah Fayed, were brothers.

In March 1985, acting through their company, House of Fraser Holdings plc, they acquired ownership of House of Fraser plc, one of the largest groups of department stores in Europe which included Harrods.

The takeover was vigorously but unsuccessfully opposed by another company, Lonrho plc, and, in particular, its chief executive, Mr Rowland, a former business associate, turned rival of the applicants. Lonrho proceeded to wage an acrimonious campaign against the applicants.

In 1985 and 1986 the applicants instituted libel actions against *The Observer*, a newspaper owned by Lonrho, for articles written about them. Lonrho in turn commenced legal proceedings in March 1987 against the applicants' company in connection with its acquisition of House of Fraser plc. In April 1987 the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry appointed two inspectors under the Companies Act 1985 to investigate the affairs of the applicants' company and, in particular, the circumstances surrounding the takeover of House of Fraser.

In their report, delivered to the secretary of state in July 1988, the inspectors concluded that the Fayed brothers had dishonestly represented their origins, their wealth, their business interests and their resources to the secretary of state, the Office of Fair Trading, the press, the House of Fraser board and shareholders and their own advisers prior to the takeover, and that during the course of the investigation they had knowingly submitted false evidence to the inspectors. The applicants consistently disputed these conclusions.

The Director of Public Prosecutions and the Director of the Serious Fraud Office, after examining the report and making further enquiries, announced on March 1, 1990 that there was insufficient evidence available to warrant bringing a criminal prosecution.

The report was published on March 7, 1990. Its findings were widely reported on television, radio and in the national press. At the same time the secretary of state told Parliament that he did not judge it to be in the public interest to institute civil proceedings to have the applicants disqualified as company directors.

Shortly thereafter, in August 1990, the applicants abandoned their libel actions against *The Observer* and paid the latter's £500,000 legal costs. In October 1993 it was announced that a settlement had been negotiated between the applicant brothers and Lonrho, the terms of which included the discontinuance of all proceedings between them.

Any civil action in defamation brought by the applicants against the inspectors or the secretary of state would have been successfully met by the defence of privilege.

The administrative law remedy of judicial review was available to the applicants against the inspectors or the secretary of state if it could be claimed that there had been unfairness or breach of the rules of natural justice or that the inspector's findings were unreliable on a number of other grounds. Judicial review would not, however, have enabled the applicants to argue that the findings were simply erroneous.

In their application of August 1990 to the European Commission of Human Rights the applicants contended that, in violation of article 6, paragraph 1, of the Convention, the inspectors' report had determined their civil right to honour and reputation. They further alleged a denial of effective domestic remedies to challenge the findings of the inspectors, contrary to both article 6, paragraph 1, and article 13 of the Convention.

The Commission declared the application partly admissible on May 15, 1992. In its report of April 7, 1993 it expressed the opinion that there had been no violation of article 6, paragraph 1, either as regards the actual making and publication of the inspectors' report (twelve votes to one) or as regards the applicants' access to court whether for proceeding against the inspectors and the secretary of state (ten votes to three) or for proceeding against others (twelve votes to one).

The Commission further concluded, unanimously, that no separate issue arose under article 13.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held:

I The government's preliminary objection

The government submitted that the applicants had failed to exhaust their domestic remedies, notably by not having applied for judicial review of the inspectors' and the secretary of state's actions and by not having pursued the libel proceedings against *The Observer*.

The Court noted that neither judicial review nor the abandoned libel proceedings would have provided a remedy against the inspectors or the secretary of state for determination of the truth of the damaging statements contained in the inspectors' report. The preliminary objection was therefore dismissed.

II Alleged violation of article 6, paragraph 1

In the applicants' submission, the making and the subsequent publication of the inspector's report in its entirety seriously damaged their reputations, thereby determining their civil right to honour and reputation, and the state of English law was such that they were denied effective access to the courts to challenge the resultant interference with that civil right.

A Investigation by the inspectors

The Court was satisfied that the functions performed by the inspectors were, in practice as well as in theory, essentially investigative. The inspectors did not adjudicate, either in form or in substance.

It could not be said that the inspectors' enquiry had determined the applicants' civil right to a good reputation or that its result was directly decisive for that right.

The requirements of a judicial procedure as embodied in article 6, paragraph 1, did not therefore apply to the investigation by the inspectors.

B Proceedings to contest the inspectors' findings

As stated in the Court's established case law, article 6, paragraph 1, secured the right to a court in civil maters, of which the right of access was an aspect. However, that right of access was not absolute but could be subject to implied limitations.

While the competent national authorities enjoyed a certain margin of appreciation, any limitations applied could not impair the very essence of the right, had to pursue a legitimate aim and had to respect the principle of proportionality.

The Court did not consider it necessary to settle the issue of the applicability of article 6.1, since it was devoid of significance in the circumstances.

Turning therefore to the issue of compliance, the Court noted that the underlying aim of the system of investigating and reporting under the Companies Act 1985 was the furtherance of the public interest in the proper conduct of the affairs of public companies.

The freedom of reporting enjoyed by the inspectors as a result of the defence of privilege was likewise found to pursue a legitimate objective.

While that freedom was broad, the performance of the inspectors' investigative functions was attended by not inconsiderable safeguards intended to ensure a fair procedure and the reliability of findings of fact.

The remedy of judicial review would have been available to the applicants against the inspectors or the secretary of state had they wished to allege any failure in that respect.

A reading of the inspectors' report showed that the applicants were made aware of the information required of them and were given every reasonable opportunity to respond to the allegations made against them and to furnish evidence.

The Court accepted that the limits of acceptable criticism were wider with regard to businessmen actively involved in the affairs of large public companies than with regard to private individuals and that the risk of same uncompensated damage to reputation was inevitable if independent investigators in circumstances such as those of the present case were to have the necessary freedom to report without fear, not only to the authorities but also in the final resort to the public.

In the light of the foregoing considerations, the Court could not find that, in the exercise of their responsibility of regulating the conduct of the affairs of public companies, the national authorities had exceeded their margin of appreciation to limit the applicant brothers' access to the courts under article 6.1.

Having regard in particular to the safeguards that did exist in relation to the impugned investigation, the Court concluded that a reasonable relationship of proportionality could be said to have existed between the freedom of reporting accorded to the inspectors and the legitimate aim pursued in the public interest.

In the Court's view, the limitation on the applicants' opportunity, before and after publication of the inspectors' report, to take legal proceedings to challenge the inspectors' findings damaging to their reputations had not involved an unjustified denial of their right to a court under article 6.1.

C Proceedings against others

The applicants had argued before the Commission that publication of the inspectors' report had, in breach of article 6, paragraph 1, rendered impossible a fair and unbiased trial of their libel actions against *The Observer*. That complaint was not pursued before the Court.

D Recapitulation

The Court accordingly found no violation of article 6.1, in the present case under any of the heads of complaint.

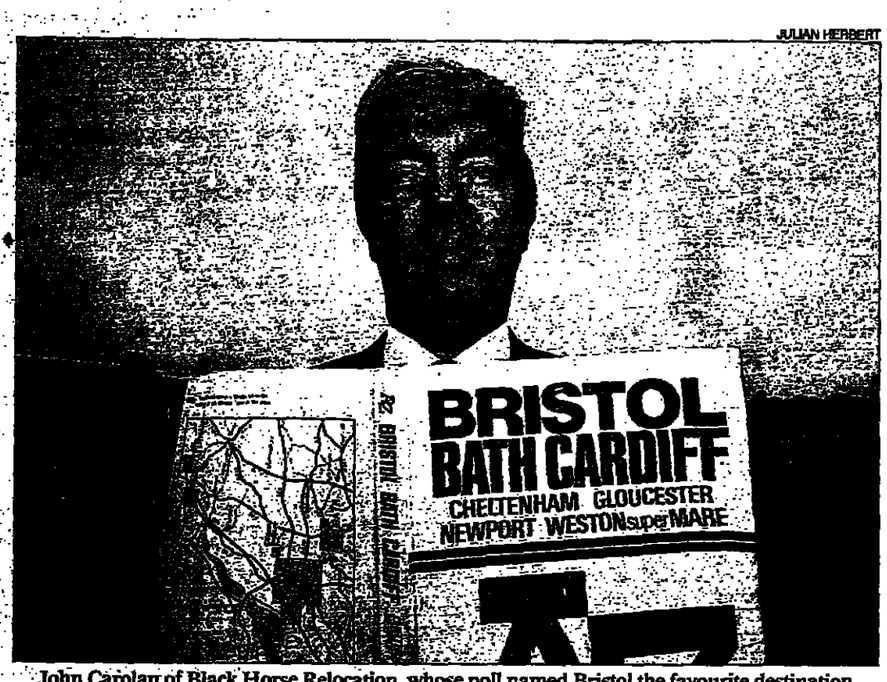
III Alleged violation of article 8

In view of the applicants' effective withdrawal before the Court of the alleged denial of effective domestic remedies, it was not found necessary also to examine the case under article 13.

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Business on the move

Office relocation is back on the agenda after the recession, **Derek Harris** reports



JULIAN HERBERT

John Carolan of Black Horse Relocation, whose poll named Bristol the favourite destination

More businesses are looking to relocate again, after a period of decline caused by the recession. This encouraging trend is timely, as relocation destinations around the United Kingdom face new competition from the European mainland.

Mainland Europe is often cheaper to work from, although of course office rentals are only one element in the complex arithmetic: for example, London's West End at £35 a square foot compares with £15 in Brussels, but social welfare costs are high for those with workers in Brussels. Overall however, says Andrew Burt of Jones Lang Wootton, the international property advisers, London still costs more than most places on the Continent.

European landlords tend to be more flexible about letting arrangements too, Mr Burt says. Moreover American companies, increasingly taking a pan-European view, tend to need a Brussels presence, just as in the United States companies need representation in Washington DC, the political capital.

London-based financial institutions with American parents are starting to eye mainland Europe as the key base, although a presence in London is still desirable, says Stephen Mallen, head of research at Knight Frank and Rutley, another international property adviser. For example Goldman Sachs, the securities house, having serviced Europe from London, launched a Frankfurt operation which became one of the group's fastest growing branches.

"I would forecast an increase in cross-border activity in the next decade," Mr Mallen says.

The relocation market should start to climb this year, according to the latest surveys of the London property market by JLW. The trend is emphasised in another survey carried out for Black Horse Relocation, the Lloyds Bank group subsidiary which is the relocation market leader.

With the help of *Management Today* magazine the Black Horse survey polled more than 500 top executives in 40 cities around the United Kingdom; 22 per cent said they were "very likely" or "quite likely" to relocate within the next five years.

There were about 40 companies in the "very likely" category, implying moves mostly within a couple of years, says John Carolan, managing director of Black Horse Relocation. "These are remarkably high figures. We believe that, given that relocation has a seven-year cycle, we could be moving towards a boom in the market," he says.

The recession forced many companies to set expansion plans on one side and forgo the cost advantages of relocating to a new area that also offered improved quality of life for staff.

The first fall of the market came in 1992, when about 20 per cent fewer jobs were moved out of central London than in the peak year of 1991. In 1992 23 organisations moved out of central London, according to the latest JLW annual report on the state of the market. In 1993 the number moving plunged to eight, the lowest since 1964. As a result the number of jobs that moved out of the centre of the capital dropped by more than two-thirds, to 3,481.

The decline in London office costs relative to provincial areas was a key influence. The decentralisations that did take place were mainly in the service sector, especially in banking and finance and in business services; the restructuring in the public sector prompted many of 1992's moves, and two of those in 1993. Last year's moves also mostly involved only short distances to suburban London, with the east exerting a stronger pull than before.

Now JLW has logged 27 moves planned from now to 1996, 16 of them due this year. The average size of move is expected to remain high, averaging 522 jobs each time, probably reflecting the amount of restructuring planned in both public and private sectors. This echoes the levels of decentralisation activity in the late 1980s, before the explosive growth seen during 1990, JLW says.

The initial results of JLW's biannual property confidence review found business optimism high, but translating "only weakly" into demand for floorspace. What improvements there have been are attributed to banking demand.

Nigel Roberts, a partner in JLW Research, says: "We expect about two-thirds of planned moves to find premises within the London orbit, somewhere within the South East region. This is a significant break from the recent trend for occupiers to make long-distance moves to secure lower accommodation costs and improved labour availability."

He identifies two elements that are reinforcing the short-distance trend — favourable rating revaluations, and the £8,000 ceiling on tax-free relocation expenses for each employee.

The short-distance move is probably a characteristic of the South East. The Black Horse survey, with its national spread, found that industry leaders given a free choice found regional centres the most appealing.

Bristol topped the list as the most desirable location. Close behind came Edinburgh, Nottingham, Norwich and Plymouth. Business reasons for the choices included quality of workforce (a key reason for half those surveyed), and good road transport connections (mentioned by nearly half). Overheads such as rates and a desirable overall business environment were also on the executives' list.

Among personal factors, 57 per cent of the executives rated quality of life the most important.

The stress-busters

Professional agencies can take the relocation strain for families

RELOCATION can involve two of the key stress areas in life: moving house and moving job. Increasingly, organisations both in the private and public sector are using the services of specialists to mastermind the operation with the aim of making a move as stress-free as possible. They range from small firms offering simple home-search to relocation contractors providing a one-stop shop designed to take care of every eventuality.

Hambro Countryside Relocation, a leading specialist, offers three services tailored to provide help at every level: the budget Assisted Plan, which gives an employee access to nationally negotiated fees and agreed service standards, plus a free-call telephone helpline; the Supported Plan, which assists with the sale of the home, and gives advice and support at each stage of the move; and the Assured Plan, which guarantees the sale of the old home.

Hambro's managing director, Andrew Finney, believes it is important to offer an employee support in other than financial areas. "In the past, relocation has tended to centre on how to buy and sell property rather than how to relocate the people."

He sees the increase in the number of firms with relocation policies as recognition of the pressures of today's labour market. "We have a much more demanding workplace than we did 25 years ago," he says. "Dual-income families are becoming more and more common, so one-on-one partner-employment counselling is often necessary. That level of service can be expensive, so to address this problem we have recently commissioned a Partner Relocation Guide, a practical guide to job search."

Noel Penrose is a typical relocator; at 36 he is married with two young children. Since 1981 his career has involved six moves, four in the UK and two abroad, to Europe and the United States. In February of this year he arrived in Windsor to set up the European corporate headquarters of Ogden Entertainment Services, an American firm that manages and operates sports and entertainment venues worldwide.

"This most recent move was our first experience of a relocation specialist," he says. "We hired Black Horse Relocation and I would certainly recommend it as the ideal way to move. The benefits far outweigh the costs. My priority is always to give everything to the new job which means that Alison, my wife, has taken the brunt of dealing with the administrative side, looking for a house, getting quotes for removal firms, getting a survey, dealing with a mortgage, and now, finding a new school for our five-year-old.

"On this occasion Black Horse did everything: they bought and sold our house, getting £6,000 more than they had guaranteed, so that money came back to us. They handled our mortgage, arranging two extensions of the mortgage offer because of the time it took us to find a property. They organised the removal, sent us information on schools and generally smoothed what can be a very stressful path."


ROS DRINKWATER

Noel, Harry and Alison Penrose: six moves so far

As UK managing director, with no superior in Europe, Mr Penrose is both employer and employee. "As an employee, I have to acknowledge that the days are long gone when you spent your life in a local market, doing the job your father did, marrying the girl next door. Today's economy is increasingly global and job mobility is absolutely essential if you want to be successful. As an employer I feel a responsibility to recognise just how emotional a move can be, particularly when it's been done before. There is a very natural fear of losing out financially. On the other hand, the first-time relocator is often unaware of just how much a move can cost, and is seldom shrewd enough to ask his firm for details of its relocation policy.

"A service organisation has to be run on a family basis and that means making staff feel good right from day one. An employee who is properly looked after is bound to have more job commitment and job satisfaction."

During their stay in the United States the Penroses were members of a Newcomers' Club. "They are designed for people who have moved to a given area in the previous six to eight months," says Mrs Penrose. "You have immediate empathy, you get advice on how to handle problems before you actually encounter them. It's a concept we in the UK would do well to copy."

ROS DRINKWATER

London companies are looking round — but they like to stay close to home

All change in the capital

Relocation activity among companies based in central London has started to rise again after the trough of 1993. Last year, only eight major moves were completed and of these just two were in the public sector, which was still heavily involved in long-planned decentralisations in 1992.

Now, between a fifth and a sixth of all employers in London and the South East are contemplating a move. But, in a departure from recent trends, most office relocations currently projected are to destinations closer to home than in the past and typically within the London orbit.

At least 30 major relocations, involving 100 jobs or more, are in the pipeline — with organisational reasons proving the main incentive for many companies. "Labour availability, accessibility and transportation are key factors," says Jean Crawford, head of research at Jones Lang Wootton, who have been monitoring trends in decentralisation by London office occupiers since 1979.

Financial reasons are less important considerations now for office occupiers. Recession-induced convergences in accommodation costs as between central London and other areas have been reinforced by the £8,000 ceiling on tax-free relocation expenses which was introduced in last year's Budget.


Canary Wharf: home to 13,000 by 1995

The City and West End stand to gain substantially from the 1995 rating revaluation, which will reflect low 1993 rental values. In an interesting example of a reverse relocation, Chemical Bank are regrouping London-based staff, including those previously decentralised to "back office" accommodation in Stratford, to 100,000 sq ft in Skanska's Trinity Tower scheme east of the City.

Within the highly competitive central London arena, new marketing strategies are being tried. To woo major occupiers to Canary Wharf in Docklands, for example, joint agents Richard Ellis and Jones Lang Wootton are offering — in exchange for a core 15-year-plus lease on the bulk space requirement — the rest of the initial accommodation on a shorter lease with options for expansion.

Canary Wharf will be home to some 13,000 employees by the end of 1994 — double the number at the start of the year, with further moves due in early 1995. EC endorsement has come with the acquisition for the European Medicines Agency of an initial 40,000 sq ft at Westferry Circus.

This is expected to bring lettings of up to 100,000 sq ft to pharmaceutical companies wanting representation nearby. The big disappointment recently has been BZW's decision to stay dispersed in the City instead of moving east, but the financial services company still plans to consolidate operations in central London.

Moving across London is the American-owned commemoratives specialist Franklin Mint, which initially looked westwards from its present base in Catford for a new site for its European headquarters. It is now taking 50,000 sq ft of Docklands space in South Quay because, says marketing director Lindsay Nuttall: "We wanted to be close to where the real business is being done."

In contrast to the private sector upswing, public sector relocations are likely to be a rarity over the next 18 months. London-based government departments and their new executive agencies are deep into Treasury-ordained feasibility studies designed to ensure that moves are cost-effective.

One of the few moves planned is that of the DTI's Radiocommunications Agency offshoot. The agency is leaving its Waterloo Bridge headquarters on lease expiry next summer for 90,000 sq ft in Wyndham Investments' South Quay III in Docklands.

The relatively low level of public sector moves is one reason for the recent decrease in the average distance of relocations. Traditionally, government moves have been to depressed areas.

Another factor, says Allan Froggatt of Richard Ellis, is that managements fear loss of control. "They have experienced lower efficiency and staff involvement," he says.

In contrast to office employers, however, manufacturers can still benefit financially from long-distance moves. An expanding leisure goods company advised by Hillier Parker wanted to stay in south-west London to retain key staff — but Midlands rents between a half and two thirds lower clinched the issue.

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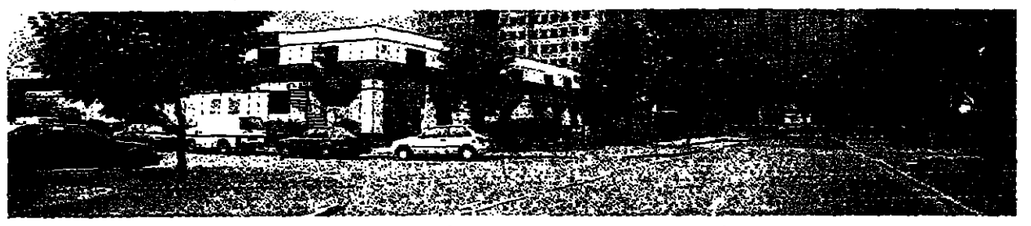
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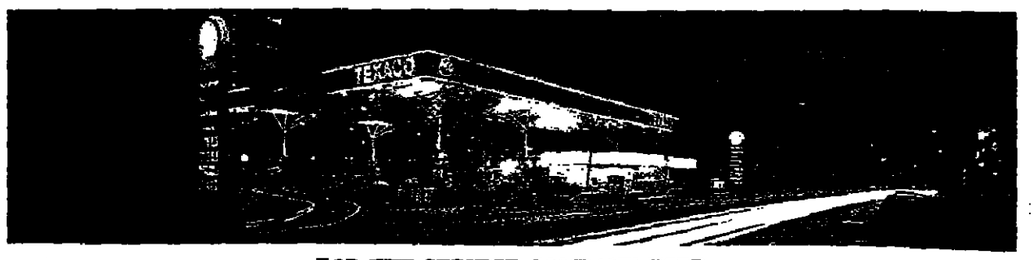
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Available for work

Many companies are attracted by Scotland's engineering tradition

An icon stepper — a large and highly complex camera — is an essential tool in the manufacture of silicon chips and is at the heart of much current technology. Each machine costs $3 million (about £1.9 million) and at the Motorola plant, East Kilbride, Strathclyde, there are 30 of them.

For Motorola, the availability of the icon steppers will influence management decisions, specifically the selection of a location for new investment. Success in the competitive computer chip market means milking every penny from this massive capital investment.

Alongside this goes a demand for high productivity — particularly because of higher wage costs compared with the Far East and Eastern Europe. In eloquent testimony of Scotland's ability to perform, the recent announcement of American-owned Motorola's £250 million expansion at East Kilbride was upstaged within two weeks by its Japanese-owned rival NEC's launch of a £530 million phase of its Livingston plant.

> 'Access to an educated workforce is near the top of every company's list'

Location and amenities apart, the principal requirement for these companies is people to run their plants smoothly around the clock.

Companies such as NEC and Motorola need engineers and operators to run and maintain their capital equipment. While neither company needs nor particularly wants ready-made staff — preferring to train them in their own methods and instil their own cultures — both organisations have been attracted by the Scottish engineering tradition.

"Education and the idea of access to an educated workforce is on every list of requirements and usually near the top," says Steven Bennett, director of Locate in Scotland, the inward investment arm of the Scottish Office and Scottish Heritage.

The new "call centre" phenomenon has been the source of several relocations, or new starts. Large telephone sales operations, which are more people than capital-intensive, have been established by BT, BSkyB, Air UK, Royal Bank of Scotland Insurance subsidiary Direct Line and British Airways. Conner Peripherals, the IT company, is also to open a European telephone-based service and support centre at Irvine, near Glasgow.

When BA's telephone sales operation was located in the South East it was wasting £2 million a year in recruitment and training costs — it had a 35 per cent turnover of staff who were lost to other airlines and the travel industry at large. About 400 jobs were created in the move to Glasgow and the annual staff loss has gone down to 3 or 4 per cent. This is evidence perhaps of the seemingly intangible Scottish "work ethic" which companies such as Jabil Circuit, a leading American-owned contract electronic manufacturer that has brought 162 jobs to Livingston, cite as another reason for being in Scotland.

"We felt there was a kinship between our style of business and the Scottish worker. There is a certain pride in the workforce and certainly a high level of education and skill," says Randon Haight, vice-president of European business development.

PAUL STROHM

Big plans but little time

Rodney Hobson on the task facing corporations in the next few years

Time is running out for the development corporations. The Government has given them about three and a half years to complete their tasks — not a long time to buy land, clear it, put in infrastructure, develop it and let it.

If they start to give up or rest on their laurels, the projects are likely to collapse in on themselves. Go-ahead corporations are trying to push ahead with renewed vigour to complete them in order to attract relocating companies.

Philip Round, at Tyne and Wear Development Corporation, says: "Our strategy is not to allow the projects to taper off. In fact, part of the area will require us to sharpen up and accelerate work to complete the tasks we have set ourselves."

He cites Newcastle Quayside and the Royal Quays at North Shields — the latter a 200-acre site, one of the largest the corporation has dealt with. In both cases, he says, development is proceeding apace despite the recession.

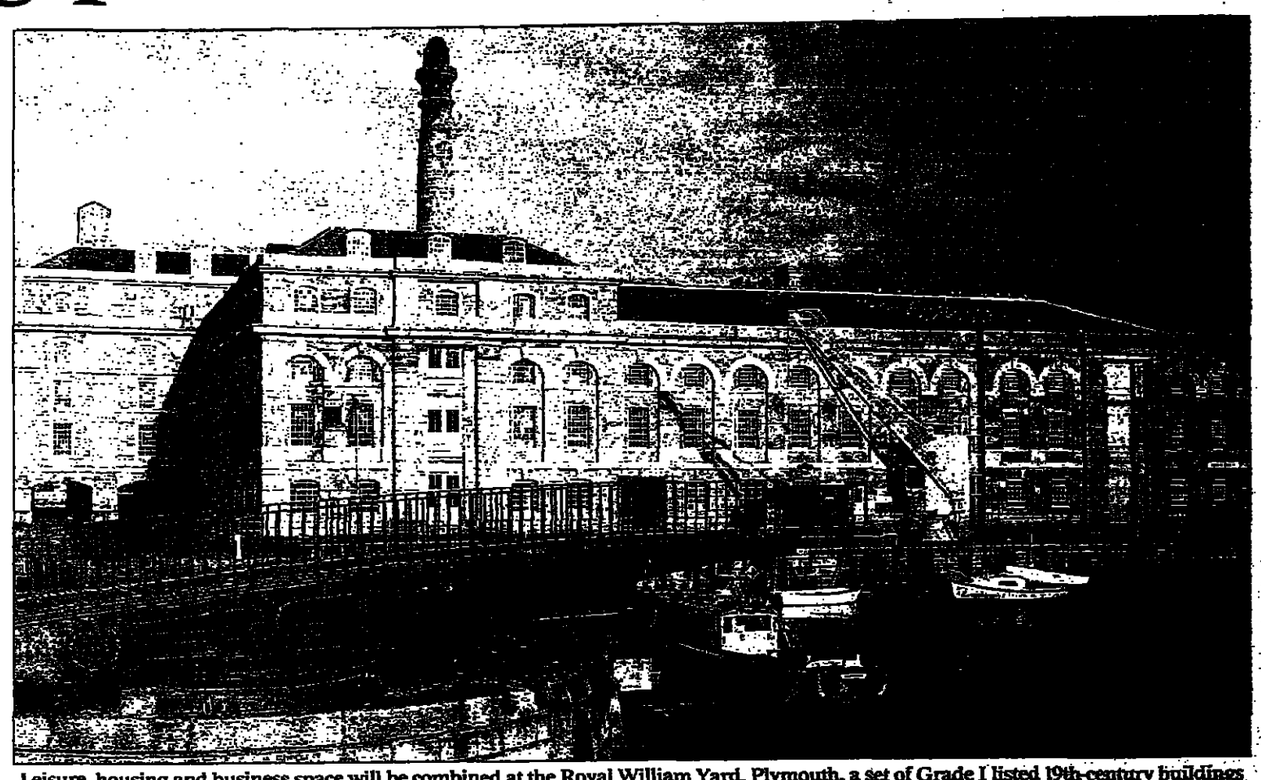
Mr Round says: "It is not just a question of morale. You have to maintain the confidence of the private sector. If they get the impression that we have done great things so far but it is all about to fizzle out they will go elsewhere."

Tyne and Wear believes it will virtually complete its work in time. This month development began on the £21 million South Shields dry dock area close to the centre of the town. It will comprise offices, light industry and housing. The land was acquired last year.

Also under way is a £9 million development by Scottish Amicable, the insurance company, in Newcastle upon Tyne. Although the development corporation cleared the site, it says that "not a penny piece of public money" has gone into the scheme. Scottish Amicable is already erecting the building on a speculative basis, confident that it will have little difficulty finding tenants. Mr Round says: "They say there is a momentum on the Quayside and they want to be part of it. That confidence, that morale seem to be continuing."

Another man in a hurry is John Collinson, chief executive of Plymouth Development Corporation (PDC). Under his guidance a blueprint for the economic revival of the 77-acre Stonehouse area, which includes Royal William Yard, has been given approval.

It is a significant achievement for the corporation, which has spent some time in detailed discussion with local residents and organisations. The go-ahead means that all three sites under its guardianship — the 77-acre Mount Batten, 11.4-acre Mount Wise and Stonehouse — have now got development permission.



Leisure, housing and business space will be combined at the Royal William Yard, Plymouth, a set of Grade I listed 19th-century buildings

Redevelopment of the Royal William Yard, a former Royal Navy victualling yard, is the centrepiece of PDC's strategy for Stonehouse's revival. The 19-acre yard is bordered by the waters of Plymouth Sound and the River Tamar and has 500,000 square feet of Grade I 19th-century buildings available for use.

Mr Collinson says: "What we are now putting into action will be the catalyst for the revitalisation of the whole Stonehouse waterfront — and that will be a major contributor to the regeneration of the whole of the Plymouth waterfront."

The corporation is keen to see the transformation of the buildings with a strong emphasis on leisure and is looking to revitalise the Royal William Yard with a hotel, pub, restaurants and specialist shops complemented by housing and business space. The corporation has laid on water and electricity services, and drains are being installed. The yard will also have the capacity to take advantage of new developments in cable, satellite and other telecommunications services.

Development corporations are now waiting for a government pronouncement on funding at the time of the Budget statement by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in November. Government funding was initially the only source of cash for the corporations and it still is a major source.

The corporations realise that the sale of land will be an increasingly important part of their budget in the final years but they need the comfort of underpinning by the Government to see their programmes through.

Wales has an enviable record in attracting foreign investment and once companies settle in, they often expand

How busy are the valleys

The 282 foreign-owned companies in Wales provide a third of its manufacturing jobs. Having transformed its economy from one dependent on heavy industry, the principality is now presenting itself as part of the global market, producing and selling high-quality products around the world.

As a result, manufacturing is becoming a growth sector accounting for 28 per cent of GDP as opposed to 24 per cent in the UK as a whole.

This trend should continue. Last financial year for example, 64 inward investment projects came to Wales, creating or safeguarding more than 6,500 jobs. But Wales's dominant position in attracting fresh investment diminished slightly, down from 20 per cent in 1992-93 to 16 per cent in 1993-94.

To reverse that blip, and to get Wales back on course for the 21st century, is the task of James Turner, managing director of Welsh Development Agency International.

"The inward investment position is changing," he says. "There are fewer big projects emerging around the world — after the recession multinational companies are less willing to take a risk. There is also far greater competition for those projects which do emerge. In Tokyo, for example, there are 119 development agencies from around the world attempting to attract Japanese investment.

"But Wales is well placed and our track record in Japan is incredible. There is only one other country outside Japan with more Japanese investment than Wales and that is America."

Japan's position as Asia's flagship economy is expected to bring further dividends to Wales. Where Japan leads other countries, such as Korea, Taiwan and Singapore, follow. Wales already has a Hong Kong company in residence — Asat, which has spent £42 million creating 1,000 jobs in Crumlin, Gwent, manufacturing chips for the electronics industry. The hope is that Korean projects will soon materialise.

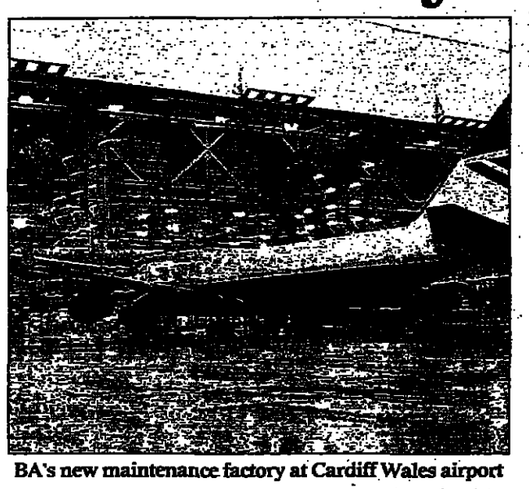
But it is expected that most inward investment attracted during the remainder of this decade will be obtained either through the expansion of existing companies; through joint ventures, or suppliers moving in to service the large manufacturers.

Expansion of existing companies counts for most of the projects secured during the past financial year, and this year the trend is continuing. Sony, for example, is investing £147 million in a television factory and research and development centre at Pencoed, Mid Glamorgan. The company's Welsh-made televisions are exported to the whole of Europe west of the Urals.

Other Japanese manufacturers expanding in Wales include Yuassa batteries in Gwent and Sharp in Clwyd. Together, the 33 resident Japanese companies employ 11,200 people.

The Japanese are also important players in the joint-venture business. They are working in partnership with another country closely involved in Wales, Germany. About three years ago the two countries established R-Tek, a Merthyr Tydfil-based company supplying automotive components to Honda.

Last July, the two countries' involvement increased as Nippon Electric Glass, of Japan, and Schott Glaswerke, of Germany, decided to invest £200 million in a manufacturing plant in Cardiff Bay, thereby creating 750 jobs. It is the largest single investment attracted to Wales this year, and will produce glass components for the TV industry.



BA's new maintenance factory at Cardiff Wales airport

Crucially, the venture came to Wales to service the Sony and Panasonic factories. Without their presence, the project would not have been started. This is an example of how major manufacturers attract suppliers in their wake.

American investors, too, are exploring the potential of joint ventures. Nypro, of Massachusetts, and Phillips, of Wisconsin, have come together to establish a plastics components plant at Wrexham, Clwyd. The hundred jobs it will create will add to the 32,000 being offered by the 129 resident American and Canadian companies. North America is the largest source of foreign-owned firms in Wales.

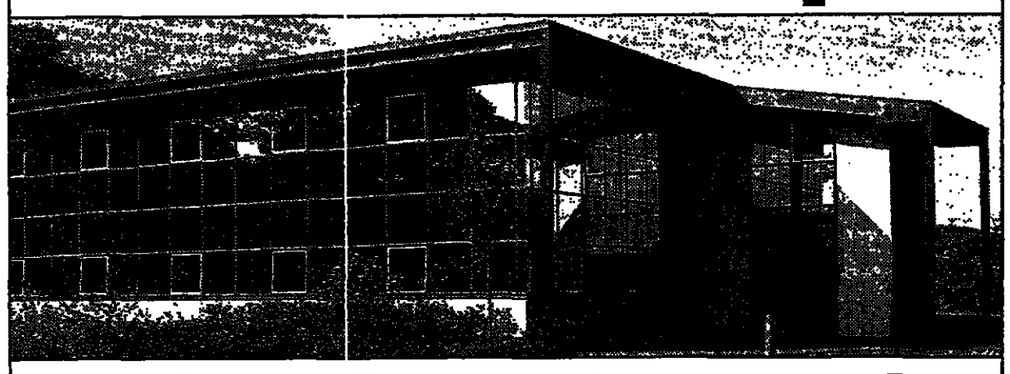
The Europeans are not far behind, however. Major players, such as Bosch, have attracted German suppliers like Waldon to Mid Glamorgan. And the Europeans are bringing service sector businesses to Cardiff.

From within the UK, companies such as British Airways are investing in South Wales. Hard on the heels of establishing its jumbo jet maintenance business at Cardiff Wales airport, BA has invested £20 million in an avionics factory at Llantrisant, Mid Glamorgan.

Wales is undoubtedly successful in attracting foreign firms, but this is not a time for complacency, Mr Turner says. "We can do even better, provided we think of overseas investors as our customers. We need to get closer to their home base, and are doing so by establishing operations in America and Japan. We need increasing collaboration between all the public and private sector businesses which are engaged in attracting companies to Wales."

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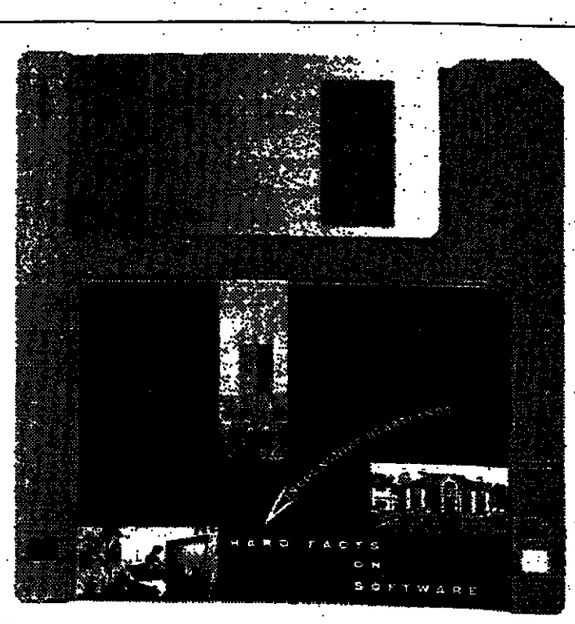
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NEWS

Britain sends Marines to Gulf

■ Britain announced that it would send 800 troops as part its contribution to a coalition deterrent force against the Iraqi build-up close to the Kuwaiti border.

The announcement came as US satellites detected a third division of President Saddam Hussein's Republican Guards moving south. President Clinton continued his rapid deployment of forces to the Gulf despite an Iraqi announcement that it would pull back troops near the border ..... **Pages 1, 11**

'Heartbroken' Thatcher denies claims

■ Baroness Thatcher broke her silence over claims that her son Mark made £12 million from a British-Saudi arms deal as allegations of Conservative sleaze threatened to overshadow the opening of the party conference. The former Prime Minister is said to be heartbroken ..... **Pages 1, 7**

Clash planned

Hard-left activists deliberately planned confrontation with police during the Criminal Justice Bill demonstration in London, Scotland Yard said ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Cult leader dead

Swiss police confirmed that one of the leaders of the Order of the Solar Temple died with his followers in last week's mass executions ..... **Page 2**

Cedras quits

Lieutenant General Raoul Cédras, the leader of Haiti's military junta, announced his resignation in Port-au-Prince amid cheers from civilians ..... **Page 12**

Saudi deal

The two al-Yamamah defence contracts signed with Saudi Arabia involved such a huge equipment programme that Britain has been in the top three of world arms sellers ever since **Pages 1, 7**

Hamas attack

Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, claimed responsibility for an attack on a Jerusalem pedestrian mall which killed two people and wounded 13, raising tensions during a visit by the US Secretary of State ..... **Page 12**

Oxford dispute

Oxford University will tighten appointments procedures in an attempt to defuse a dispute over the predominance of men in academic posts ..... **Page 5**

Protection reduced

Protection for small wildlife sites and beauty spots are being downgraded as part of planning rules being issued to councils by the Government, conservationists said ..... **Page 6**

Identity crisis

John Major portrayed Labour as being in the throes of a political identity crisis, desperately trying on Tory clothes in the vain hope of winning power ..... **Page 8**

MPs pay

Dozens of Conservative constituency associations received payments of up to £11,000 from their MPs ..... **Page 9**

Bank censured

A leading bank has been censured for listening to office gossip and sacking a manager alleged to have been caught having sex with a colleague. The TSB chose to believe rumours, an industrial tribunal heard ..... **Page 2**

Blue note

Blue-tinted champagne was being quaffed at the Vienna headquarters of Jörg Haider to celebrate the beginning of the end of Austria's political class ... **Page 13**

Paintings shown

Three "Symphony in White" pictures by James McNeill Whistler will be shown together for the first time since they were painted in the 1860s. They will be included in the Tate's exhibition ..... **Page 5**

Famous Five on television

■ Enid Blyton's Famous Five gang of adventurous school children and their dog are to be resurrected in a £2 million television series with the blessing of the author's family. The first two episodes will based on the first of her 21 Famous Five novels, *Five On A Treasure Island*. Filming of the 13-part series will begin next spring ..... **Page 2**



Baroness Thatcher leaving her Belgravia home yesterday shortly before issuing a statement on the Saudi arms deal. **Pages 1, 7**

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Blue Arrow: The Department of Trade and Industry has abandoned its campaign to have Tony Berry, former chairman and chief executive of Blue Arrow, disqualified as a company director ..... **Page 25**

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Television: Shares in Scottish Television tumbled after the independent broadcaster and producer said profits would fall 31 per cent to £9 million ..... **Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 33.6 points to 3032.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 80.3 after a fall from $1.5908 to $1.5835 but a rise from DM2.4503 to DM2.4541 .... **Page 28**

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Golf: Eldrick Woods, who anchored the United States to victory in the Eisenhower Trophy, is the best young black golfer to have emerged from that country **Page 46**

Rowing: Dan Topolski, who is back as director of rowing at Oxford University, talks of the challenge that he faces after wins by Cambridge in the past two Boat Races ..... **Page 42**

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Spanish fervour: The Whitechapel Gallery has mounted a large exhibition devoted to the fatalistic paintings of Miquel Barceló, one of Spain's most accomplished young artists ..... **Page 34**

Late night line-up: Is BBC2's *Late Show* the best way for television to cover the arts, or a talking-shop for journalists? ..... **Page 34**

Asian satire: At the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, a new revue, *D'yer eat with your fingers?!*, reveals a rich vein of satire in the rising generation of British-Asian performers ..... **Page 35**

Women at work: Damages for sexual harassment in the office can run into millions in America — proof that the public is growing intolerant ..... **Page 37**

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James McNeill Whistler, controversial artist and combative personality, is profiled in *Omnibus* (BBC1, 10.20pm) ..... **Page 47**

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Tories growing weaker

By staying off the airwaves, Jeremy Hanley will not just save his Government from embarrassment; he will also be able to maintain a safe distance from beleaguered ministers. That alone should help him to enthuse party workers ..... **Page 17**

Clear the border

Saddam could hardly have given more convincing reasons for the vice to be tightened, not loosened, than he has this week ..... **Page 17**

Provocative agents

The power of binding over, more vigorously applied, might help the criminal justice system to control such events and to pre-empt the disorder that so discredits legitimate acts of protest ..... **Page 17**

BERNARD LEVIN

I go on at length about Michael Howard because he is the flagrantly worst, but what I said of him could really be said of the entire body of this Government. Take Michael Portillo (no, you take Portillo) ..... **Page 16**

PAUL DIETRICH

Even the United Nations is fed up with the management of the World Health Organisation. If the WHO refuses to channel its spending into disease control and health emergencies, the UN will be forced to create a new international health organisation to deal with future epidemics ..... **Page 16**

OBITUARIES

Raich Carter, former England footballer; **D. E. L. Haynes**, former Keeper of Greek and Roman Antiquities at the British Museum; **Lottie Nicholls**, musical hostess; **Bud Sagendorf**, American cartoonist ..... **Page 19**

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Even after a devastating defeat in the Persian Gulf war, Saddam remains a unreformed, unrepentant outlaw *USA Today*



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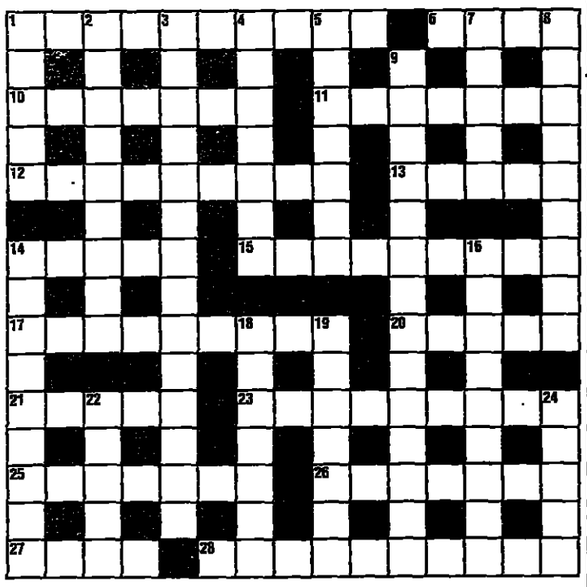
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14 Bloomer made by dog-owner losing his head (5).
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5 East End tramp is protecting *street musicians* (7).
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 13C (56F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Setta Ness, 0.16in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 10.3hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** outbreaks of showery rain, occasionally heavy, will sweep into South Wales and much of southern England in the morning and will edge northeastwards during the day. However, areas north of Merseyside and the Humber stand a good chance of staying dry. Brighter, drier weather will follow the rain from the South West.

Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will remain dry. A little light rain is possible, but it will affect mostly coasts and hills. It will be cloudy at times but with some brighter spells too.

☐ **London, SE England, East Anglia, E Midlands:** outbreaks of showery rain. Wind southeast, light. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** showery rain then brighter. Wind light and variable. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **E England, N Wales, NW England, Central N England:** a few showers, wind light and variable. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** mostly dry, cloudy at times. Wind southwest becoming northwest, light. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** some sunshine. Wind west to northwest, moderate to fresh. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** most places dry but mist and fog patches may be slow to clear.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 6 pm: f=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.8	-	13	55	c	Liverpool	5.8	-	16	61	b
Anglesey	8.3	-	18	61	s	London	5.0	-	18	64	b
Aspatria	2.5	-	15	59	b	Lowestoft	6.1	-	15	59	s
Aviemore	1.0	-	13	55	c	Manchester	4.6	-	16	61	b
Belfast	6.5	-	15	59	s	Margate	7.6	-	17	63	s
Birmingham	5.6	-	16	61	s	Minehead	9.5	-	18	64	s
Bognor R	9.8	-	17	63	s	Morecambe	6.2	-	17	63	b
Bournem'th	9.5	-	17	63	s	Newcastle	4.3	-	15	59	b
Bristol	9.0	-	18	64	s	Newquay	9.6	-	17	63	s
Buxton	2.9	-	13	55	b	Norwich	4.9	-	17	63	b
Cardiff	8.1	-	16	61	s	Nottingham	5.2	-	17	63	b
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Colwyn Bay	8.5	-	18	64	s	Plymouth	10.7	-	17	63	s
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Doncaster	4.7	-	15	59	b	Prestatyn	X	-	18	64	s
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	5.5	-	17	63	s
Eastbourne	8.9	-	16	61	s	Ryde	X				
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Eskdalemuir	0.2	-	12	54	c	Sandown	9.7	-	16	61	s
Exmouth	9.7	-	16	61	s	Saunton Snd	9.3	-	18	64	s
Falmouth	X	-	17	63	s	Scarboro'	3.2	-	13	55	b
Fishguard	8.9	-	16	61	s	Scilly Isles	8.6	-	16	61	s
Folkestone	10.1	-	15	59	s	Shanklin	9.8	-	16	61	s
Glasgow	0.5	-	15	59	s	Shrewsbury	7.5	-	16	61	b
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Herne Bay	7.7	-	15	59	s	Southsea	9.8	-	16	61	s
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Hunstanton	7.6	-	13	55	s	Swansea	9.9	-	15	59	s
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Jersey	10.3	-	19	66	s	Tiree	0.1	0.01	13	55	c
Kinloss	1.0	-	14	57	c	Torquay	9.9	-	18	64	s
Leeds	5.9	-	15	59	b	Tynemouth	3.1	-	13	55	b
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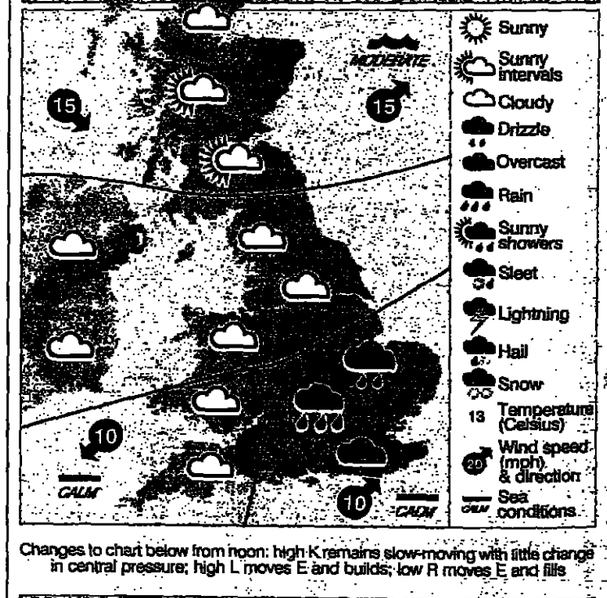
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Ajaccio	21	70	s	Corfu	26	79	s	Majorca	25	79	f
Akrotiri	30	86	s	Dublin	15	59	s	Malaga	22	72	f
Alex'dria	30	86	f	Dubrovnik	21	70	s	Malta	25	77	s
Algiers	29	84	f	Faro	23	73	f	Meth'ma	21	70	s
Amsterdm	14	57	s	Florence	17	63	s	Mexico C	18	64	c
Athens	27	81	f	Frankfurt	14	57	s	Miami	28	82	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Funchal	24	75	s	Milan	15	59	c
Bangkok	30			Geneva	13	55	s	Montreal	21	70	c
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	23	73	f	Moscow	14	57	s
Barcelona	21	70	c	Helsinki	9	48	r	Munich	13	55	c
Beirut	30	86	f	Hong K	30	86	f	Nairobi	27	81	f
Belgrade	13	55	s	Innsbruck	12	54	s	Naples	24	75	s
Berlin	9	48	s	Istanbul	20	68	f	N Delhi	32	90	s
Bermuda	27	81	s	Jeddah	36	97	s	N York	23	73	c
Biarritz	20	68	f	Jo'burg	23	73	f	Nice	19	66	f
Bordx	21	70	s	Karachi	38	100	s	Oslo	9	48	s
Brussels	15	59	s	L Palmas	25	77	s	Paris	17	63	s
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B Aires	22	72	f	Lisbon	21	70	f	Perth	28	79	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Locarno	15	59	s	Prague	9	48	c
Capes Tn	19	66	s	L Angels	33	91	s	Reykjavik	5	41	r
Chicago	13	55	f	Luxembg	19	59	s	Rhodes	20	68	f
Cologne	15	59	s	Luxor	34	93	s	Rio de J	27	81	s
C'phagn	11	52	c	Madrid	17	63	c	Riyadh	36	97	s

Rome	21	70	s	Tangier	23	73	f	Vienna	11	52	s
Salzburg	14	57	s	Tel Aviv	34	93	s	Warsaw	8	46	c
S F'isco	22	72	s	Tenerife	25	77	s	Wash'ton	28	79	f
Santiago	25	77	s	Tokyo	24	75	f	Zurich	13	55	s
S Paulo	30	86	s	Toronto	14	57	f				
Seoul	20	68	f	Tunis	28	82	f				
Sing'por	31	88	f	Valencia	23	73	f				
Stkholm	8	46	r	Vanc'ver	14	57	f				
Strasb'g	13	55	s	Venice	14	57	s				

Temperatures at midday local time, X = not available

WEATHER TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: high K remains slow-moving with little change in central pressure; high L moves E and builds; low R moves E and fills



TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.38	6.5	6.08	6.5	Liverpool	3.12	8.5	3.37	8.8
Aberdeen	5.44	3.9	6.03	3.8	Lowestoft	1.06	12.4	2.09	12.8
Avonmouth	11.14	11.3	11.43	10.7	Margate	3.51	4.9	4.29	4.8
Belfast	3.13	9.2	3.34	9.1	Milford Haven	10.29	6.2	10.59	6.4
Cardiff	10.59	10.71	11.29	10.24	Newquay	9.22	6.2	9.54	6.4
Devonport	9.55	5.0	10.27	4.6	Oban	9.48	3.3	10.09	3.5
Dover	2.50	6.2	3.37	6.0	Penzance	8.07	5.1	8.41	5.3
Falmouth	9.25	4.8	9.57	4.4	Portland	10.39	1.8	11.11	2.0
Glasgow	4.30	4.7	4.53	4.7	Portsmouth	3.22	4.4	3.44	4.6
Harwich	3.34	3.7	4.01	3.8	Shoreham	3.05	5.7	3.35	5.9
Holyhead	2.18	5.0	2.43	5.0	Southampton	2.43	4.2	3.08	4.4
Ilfracombe	10.07	8.11	10.36	7.84	Swansea	10.31	9.5	10.55	9.7
King's Lynn	10.38	5.9	10.52	5.8	Tees	8.03	4.8	8.21	4.9
Leith	8.54	5.2	7.18	5.0	W'ton-on-Naze	3.30	4.0	4.00	4.2

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HOURS OF LIGHT

Sun rises: 7.17 am. Sun sets: 6.17pm

Moon sets 11.31 pm. Moon rises 2.22 pm

First quarter today

London 6.17 pm to 7.19 am
Bristol 6.26 pm to 7.28 am
Edinburgh 5.23 pm to 7.37 am
Manchester 6.28 pm to 7.30 am
Penzance 6.40 pm to 7.39 am

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DTI drops bid to bar Berry

By Jon Ashworth

THE Department of Trade and Industry has abandoned its two-year campaign to have Tony Berry, former chairman and chief executive of Blue Arrow, disqualified as a company director, effectively burying the last traces of the notorious Blue Arrow affair.

In a terse statement, the department said that it had "decided not to continue" with the disqualification proceedings started in 1992. A spokesman said it had dropped the action on the advice of legal counsel. Mr Berry responded with a withering attack on the DTI and the Stock Exchange, and said he had been vindicated after "six years of hell".

The DTI now faces a potential claim for damages and costs of at least £1.1 million. Mr Berry, accused of unacceptable conduct while chairman and chief executive of the Blue Arrow employment agency, said the DTI findings had been "fundamentally flawed".

He said: "Their conclusions were quite sweeping: that I was not fit to be a director, that I shouldn't hold office, but there is not a shred of anything they produced that is conclusive. The DTI has a cavalier attitude and rides roughshod over people. This is more egg on their face."

He blamed the Stock Exchange for his decision to resign from the board of Business Technology Group last year. Unnamed officials, he said, had twice put pressure on BTG to drop him as chairman and chief executive. The Stock Exchange refused to comment on the allegations.



De Savary: £25 million loan

Steps to ban Mr Berry as a director were initiated in September 1992, after the publication of a hard-hitting report into the affairs of Blue Arrow. The report covered a £25 million loan made by Blue Arrow in December 1988 to a company controlled by Peter de Savary, the colourful property developer and entrepreneur. The loan, relating to a property transaction at Canvey Island, Essex, was found to have been made without the consent of the Blue Arrow board.

The DTI report cleared Mr Berry of any impropriety over the Canvey Island loan, but raised questions about his fitness as a director. His conduct, it said, "was clearly not acceptable for someone in a position of authority in a public company".

It emerged yesterday that witnesses who gave evidence to the DTI inspectors had been unwilling to repeat their testimony. A DTI spokesman said some of them had swung 180 degrees in favour of Mr Berry. "After taking the advice of legal counsel, the DTI decided to drop proceedings," the spokesman said. The question of compensation was to be left to the courts.

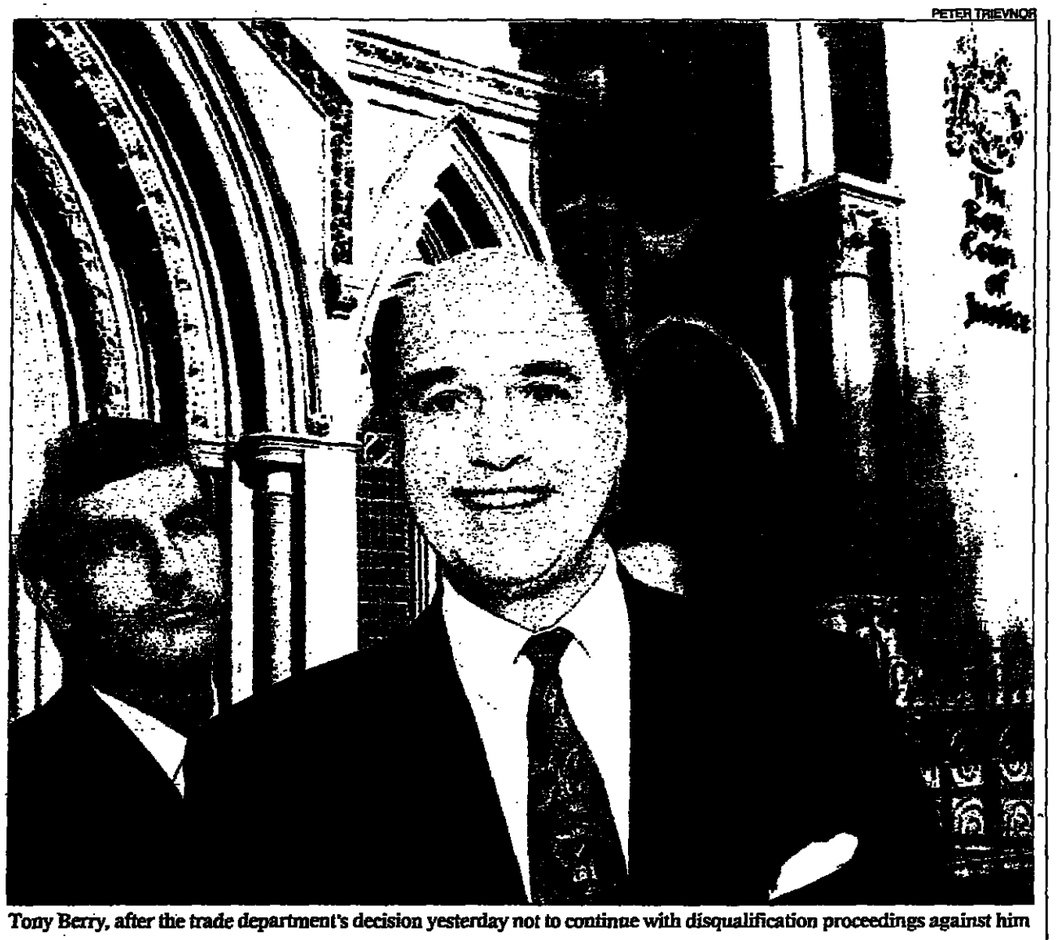
Mr Berry said the fight to clear his name had left him burdened with £1.1 million in legal costs. He had submitted 400 pages of submissions, sworn an affidavit running to 141 pages, and had a further 46 affidavits submitted on his behalf.

He yesterday called on Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, to clearly and publicly withdraw the allegation that he is not a fit person to be a director of a company.

Yesterday's decision poses a serious potential embarrassment to Mr Heseltine, coming so soon after the Anglia Television share dealing inquiry.

Mr Berry now intends to concentrate on his latest venture, an employment agency called Recruit based in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. He describes it as "a modified Blue Arrow with the lessons learnt." Mr Berry remains non-executive deputy chairman of Tottenham Hotspur football club.

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PETER TREVNOR

Tony Berry, after the trade department's decision yesterday not to continue with disqualification proceedings against him

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3032.3	(+33.6)
Yield	4.17%	
FT-SE A All share	1508.49	(+15.30)
Nikkei	Closed	
New York:		
Dow Jones	3812.23	(+14.80)*
S&P Composite	457.73	(+2.63)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	unq	(4¼%)
Long Bond	95[11/32]	(95[9/32])
Yield	7.91%*	(7.91%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5⅝%	(6%)
Lffe long gilt future (Dec)	100[16/32]	(100[7/32])

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5847*	(1.5865)
London:		
$	1.5865	(1.5865)
DM	2.4531	(2.4508)
FFr	8.3905	(8.3740)
SFr	2.0315	(2.0318)
Yen	159.26	(159.26)
£ index	80.3	(80.3)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5503*	(1.5470)
FFr	5.2950*	(5.2855)
SFr	1.2819*	(1.2803)
Yen	100.38*	(100.60)
$ Index	82.4	(82.2)

Tokyo close Yen closed

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov) $16.95 ($16.90)

GOLD

London close $390.85 ($392.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Iraq's UN pledge eases oil's turbulence

By George Sivell
Assistant Business Editor

WORLD oil markets had a rollercoaster day yesterday. Oil prices surged in early trading on fears of a further military conflict over Kuwait, but then subsided after Iraq told the United Nations that Baghdad was withdrawing troops from its southern border with Kuwait.

After the build-up of troops near Iraq's border with Kuwait at the weekend, London prices of oil for delivery in November rose 12 cents a barrel to $17.05, compared with the $40 a barrel price seen at the peak of the Gulf War in early 1991.

After Iraq's statement yesterday afternoon, the price began to slide. At one point, it fell 10 cents to $16.83, but, by the close of trading in London, had recovered to trade a cent down on the day at $16.92.

Iraq has in recent weeks raised its campaign for lifting crippling UN sanctions which were imposed after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Yesterday, it was revealed that Safa Hadi Jawad al-Habubi, the Iraqi Oil Minister, will discuss joint projects with Russian oil companies during a three-day visit to Moscow.

A Russian energy official said Mr Habubi would meet representatives of such large companies as Lukoil and Rosneft to discuss future projects once a UN embargo against Iraq was lifted. The Russian foreign ministry said the three-day visit, due to start next week, had been planned before the recent increase in tension.

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Price survey suggests inflation still subdued

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BRITISH manufacturers are still finding it hard to pass on to customers the higher costs they are paying for raw materials, suggesting that inflationary pressures are set to stay subdued.

The Central Statistical Office reported that producer input prices rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.7 per cent in September, compared with August. Unadjusted figures showed a rise of 0.4 per cent in input prices, boosting the annual rate of growth to 5.7 per cent, from 3.9 per cent.

Output prices — to customers — rose by only 0.2 per cent last month, lifting the annual rate by only a little, to 2.4 per cent, from 2.3 per cent in August.

Simon Briscoe, chief UK economist with SG Warburg, noted that output price inflation had been running at 4 per cent this time last year, putting yesterday's news into context. He said that last year's relatively high factory-gate inflation had not fed through to retail prices, even a year on, and that "no great pessimism is justified now".

The latest figures on industry prices coincided with yesterday's publication of minutes of the September 7 monetary meeting between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, after which it was decided to raise base rates from 5.25 per cent to 5.75 per cent. The minutes confirm that the decision to push up rates was made largely because of upward revisions to second-quarter growth in gross domestic product and the rise in yields on bond markets and the need to build credibility with the financial markets.

The Governor said that there was need to monitor inflationary trends with some anecdotal and survey evidence suggesting that manufacturers wanted to press home price rises. However, the Chancellor cited 11 indicators that gave no cause for concern about inflation and yesterday's producer prices figures certainly appear to confirm that significant price pressures are not emanating from industry.

The UK government bond market showed little reaction to yesterday's producer prices figures, nor to publication of the September meeting minutes, suggesting that there is no present expectation of another rise in interest rates.

Other figures issued by the CSO yesterday showed that consumer credit jumped by £632 million in August, against an upwardly revised increase of £349 million in July. The August figure just beat the previous monthly record of £603 million in June.

Economists said that a large proportion of this credit growth arose from lending for new cars as "M" registration came in. Finance house lending was £486 million, up from £324 million in July. Economists noted that cheap financing and zero credit deals offered by car dealerships helped to hold up demand in this sector. Nevertheless, they said that demand for loans in other kinds of consumer spending was either flat or fell and noted that the August lending figures predate the September 12 half-point rise in interest rates.

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British option

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, yesterday said that British economic policy should be geared towards giving Britain the option of joining the third stage of European monetary union.

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Lucas clearout

A huge desk-clearing exercise from Lucas Industries, the automotive and aerospace engineer that has long been one of the stock market's favourite bid candidates, will mean the sale of five US businesses and the loss of almost 1,000 jobs in Britain and France.

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Banks cut margins on loans

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

BRITISH banks are returning to riskier forms of lending, cutting loan margins and slackening their credit criteria in an effort to win business.

This reaction to the fall in demand for bank loans from large corporate customers bodes ill for the future, according to a report published today by the Association of Corporate Treasurers and the Bank Relationship Consultancy.

Alastair Winter, the author of the report, says loan margins for the most credit-worthy large companies have come down from 0.5 per cent above the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for longer-term loans to 0.25 per cent.

On short-term loans, he says, the margins have slipped from 0.25 per cent to 0.05 per cent.

The United Kingdom Corporate Banking Market 1994 published by the Bank Relationship Consultancy.

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Scottish Television shares slide after profit warning

By Sarah Bagnall

SHARES in Scottish Television tumbled yesterday after the independent broadcaster and producer said that full-year profits would fall by 31 per cent, to £9 million.

The shares slid 44p, to 430p — a way short of the 520p paid by Mirror Group, the newspaper publisher, three weeks ago for a 20 per cent stake. The fall leaves Mirror Group nursing an £8.6 million paper loss, but a spokesman said: "We are not unhappy with the price we paid for the shares."

The profit warning came as STV unveiled a 45 per cent fall in pre-tax profits, from £3.1 million to £1.7 million, for the half year to June 30. Profits were hit by £1.6 million of redundancy costs, relating to the loss of 50 senior jobs, against £1.4 million for job cuts last time.

Andrew Flanigan, finance director, said that the drop in profits largely reflected disruption to air-time sales operations because of a cancelled sales agreement. STV and Granada had to end an agreement after Granada's takeover of LWT resulted in a regulation breach.

The sales agreement, together with a dispute with Unilever over air-time pricing, pushed STV's ITV advertising share down from 5.2 per cent to 4.9 per cent. Mr Flanigan said: "Every 0.1 per cent of ITV advertising revenue is worth £1.5 million in a full year. So the fall cost us £2.2 million in the first half."

The agreement is behind the expected fall in full-year profits from £13.1 million to about £9 million.

The interim dividend rises from 2.16p to 2.26p, due on November 30, from earnings per share of 2.33p, down from 5.84p last time.

Mr Flanigan said that STV was expected to return to traditional trading levels in 1995. "By then, we will have seen the back of our problems," he said. STV has a new sales agreement with TSMS, which handles sales for Meridian, Anglia and HTV.



Brown: hopeful on 1995

In the first half, losses from GMTV, the breakfast television service in which STV has a 20 per cent holding, fell from £1 million to £200,000. Scottish Television Enterprises, STV's production subsidiary, lifted profits from £800,000 to £1.3 million. Alternative International, the group's human resources arm, lost £600,000, against a profit of £300,000 last time.

Mr Flanigan said that since Mirror Group's share purchase, the two companies were looking at ways of jointly developing operations.

William Brown, STV chairman, said: "We are hopeful that 1995 will see a return to growth and progress. An increase in the interim dividend of 5 per cent is a measure of confidence in more stable sales arrangements, a continuing increase in ITV advertising revenue, lower operating and exceptional costs and progress at GMTV."

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Tories gain most from unemployment fall

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

UNEMPLOYMENT is now falling twice as quickly in Conservative parts of Britain as it is in Labour-held areas, according to an analysis by *The Times*.

The computer analysis, using figures held on Government databanks, will provide relief for beleaguered Conservative managers as the party opens its annual conference in Bournemouth today.

Coming ahead of the latest unemployment figures, out tomorrow, which ministers hope will continue what seems to be a firm downward trend in the number of people out of work and claiming benefit, the analysis suggests any negative electoral impact of unemployment may be unwinding.

Since unemployment — currently standing at 2.6 million, or 9.2 per cent of the workforce — started to fall in December 1992, seasonally adjusted unemployment overall has gone down by more than 375,000, a 12.4 per cent fall.

However, *The Times*' study shows that unemployment in parliamentary seats held by the Conservatives has fallen faster — down by an average of 16.7 per cent, as against 8.6 per cent in Labour-held areas. Unemployment in Lib Dem seats is down 13.5 per cent.

Among political leaders, the Prime Minister's constituency, in Huntingdon, has seen the twelfth-largest drop in unemployment in Conservative seats since the end of 1992.

The analysis also shows that unemployment in London's middle-class Hampstead is higher than in Hartlepool.

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TALK ABOUT A BETTER MORTGAGE

Sappi pays $1.6bn to control US paper group

BY JON ASHWORTH

SAPPI, the South African pulp and paper giant, is paying $1.6 billion for a 70 per cent stake in one of America's leading paper groups. The purchase of SD Warren Company is the biggest investment to be made in America by a South African group, and makes Sappi the world's largest producer of coated woodfree papers.

The deal has been financed without a cent leaving South Africa. Sappi has borrowed $200 million against its European assets and raised the bulk in loans and equity capital from a consortium of American investors. The acquisition is underpinned by a $1.1 billion loan facility from Chemical Bank.

Eugene van As, Sappi's executive chairman, said that Sappi has strengthened its hand as a significant global player. He said: "This opportunity to acquire Warren was unique, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for any papermaker, and one we could not pass up. It is the key step for Sappi in becoming the global leader in the fastest growing segment of the paper industry, coated woodfree. The combination of Warren's market share and world-class asset base with Sappi's operations and sales and distribution network should be unbeatable."

Sappi's partners in the venture are DLJ Merchant Banking, owned by the Wall Street firm Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, and UBS Capital Corporation. Sappi will invest $250 million in the equity of SD Warren and hold 70 per cent the shares. DLJ and UBS will invest $125 million and $25 million respectively. The purchase price is $1.48 billion in cash plus debt of $120 million. SG Warburg got the parties together.

The South African company burst on to the international scene in 1990, the year of Nelson Mandela's release from prison, when it bought five paper mills in the UK. Sappi has 50 per cent of the South African pulp and paper market, and was obliged to look overseas for new opportunities. Two years earlier, in 1988, it caught the eye of UK analysts by buying Saiccor, a dissolving pulp plant, from Courtaulds in the biggest deal in South Africa that year.

SD Warren was previously owned by Scott Paper Company, the world's largest tissue producer. Scott indicated in May that it would consider selling Warren to allow it to focus on its core tissue business. Warren, based in Boston, has 4,400 employees. Sappi said that it did not expect "significant" cuts in the workforce.

Clarke says UK should meet EMU criteria

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN LUXEMBOURG

KENNETH Clarke, the Chancellor, yesterday said that British economic policy should be geared towards giving Britain the option of joining the third stage of European monetary union.

At a meeting of EU finance and economics ministers, Mr Clarke agreed to the decision to include Britain on a list of ten EU countries deemed to run excessive deficits, and also specifically to the EU's recommendations for remedial action. In one of his most outspoken comments on the issue of Britain joining the third stage of EMU, he said: "I want the British to be given the choice to have a healthy economy so that we are one of the ones invited to join and so that the British Parliament can decide with its head held high whether to join or not."

His statement followed yesterday's ministerial meeting, which approved in principle the wording of the so-called convergence programmes, which the most EU countries will need to undertake to meet the economic criteria under the Maastricht treaty. Britain already meets the Maastricht criterion on inflation. Mr Clarke has said on previous occasions that he hopes Britain would fall within the Maastricht range by 1996/97 at the latest, in time for the third stage of EMU. The EU will not publish the precise recommendations for each member state. Mr Clarke promised to make them available to Parliament.

In an interview with the BBC, Mr Clarke said earlier that the pursuit of the so-called excessive deficit procedure meant "no ceding of power to Brussels". Among his EU colleagues, Mr Clarke has emerged as one of the staunchest defenders of the EU deficit procedures, seen as a precondition for member states to participate in the third stage.

Under the Maastricht treaty, stage three is due to start no later than January 1999, involving the irrevocable linking of exchange rates, followed at some unspecified later stage by the introduction of a single European currency.

While the Goverment's economic policies, with their emphasis on low inflation and reduced deficits, are broadly in line with the German government's and the Bundesbank's economic philosophy, and reflected in the Maastricht treaty, Mr Clarke's open enthusiasm for the criteria will rest uneasy with Conservative sceptics.

Although Mr Clarke supports the Maastricht criteria, the French appeared to be wavering over the EU's specific recommendations for France. Last week, the French parliament voted to reserve the right to amend the recommendations with respect to France. Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, on behalf of the Germany EU presidency, refused to be drawn publicly into the debate, but diplomats let it be known that the EU will not be influenced in their decision by the French parliament.

Ministers yesterday were able to reach a general political decision on the excessive deficit recommendations, and are expected to make a final decision at a later meeting.

Electricity distributor cuts 450 jobs

EASTERN Group has become the latest of the regional electricity distributors this autumn to announce a significant cost-cutting programme (Martin Waller writes).

In all, 450 jobs will go in a restructuring of the group's engineering business, which will lead to at least £25 million of cost savings by the 1996-97 financial year.

Many of the distributors have announced such job cuts after the August review of electricity distribution charges, although Eastern Group says that its move has no connection with the industry regulator's review.

Eastern says that it is moving away from its current structure of three geographical regions to an organisation based on separate business units.

The group expects to achieve the job cuts, which are to start in January, by means of voluntary severance and voluntary early retirement.



JUSTIN SLEE

Building profits: Tay's Trevor Spencer, right, with chief executive Norman Stubbs

Tay says rate rise has taken toll

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

TAY Homes, the Leeds-based housebuilder, said group reservations were 25 per cent ahead of this time last year but last month's rise in base rates had dampened demand from potential home buyers. Trevor Spencer, chairman, said: "It remains to be seen whether this was the most suitable action in the long term to maintain stable house prices." The company said pre-tax profits rose to £6.2 million in the year to the end of June from £3.1 million in the previous 12 months. The final dividend is increased to 5.1p a share from 4.65p, payable on November 26, making 6.45p for the year (5.85p). Earnings were 15.5p a share, rising from 9.1p.

Turnover in continuing operations rose to £85.14 million from £69.6 million.

The number of units sold increased to a record 1,308 from 1,107, with an average selling price of £64,700 (£61,000). Shareholders' funds rose to £42.9 million at the year-end from £30.5 million, including a net £10.2 million raised through a rights issue in January.

Stanhope's value almost halved

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE value of Stanhope Properties plummeted yesterday from £32 million to £18 million as the market took fright at the lack of progress in the restructuring talks, which have taken the best part of a year.

Stanhope yesterday confirmed that it was still in talks with a number of parties interested in making an investment in or an offer for the group. The company said that negotiations were at a preliminary and conditional stage, saying, "It is the view of the board that, were an offer to be made, it would be unlikely to be at a level above the current share price."

Stanhope, which owns a half share in Broadgate Properties, owner of the Broadgate office complex in the City, faces a December 19 deadline for extension of bank facilities totalling some £150 million.

Stuart Lipton, chief executive of Stanhope, said that talks were continuing with British Land, which earlier this year acquired a 29 per cent stake in Stanhope, a manoeuvre aimed at securing control of Broadgate. "They are quite useful discussions," Mr Lipton said, adding that his continuing role in the company was not an issue in the talks.

"My share case was about pursuing what I believed to have been pre-emption rights," he said. "These negotiations are about getting the best transaction for banks and shareholders." Mr Lipton recently lost a court battle claiming pre-emption rights over the shares acquired by British Land. He said yesterday that his main interest was to carry on building.

The crux of the problem is the value placed on Broadgate where rents — currently averaging £39.50 — are £5-£10 ahead of headline rents in the City. British Land is thought to have reduced its original offer to Stanhope as rising bond yields put downward pressure on the investment value of overrented buildings.

Eurotunnel predicts freight success

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

EUROTUNNEL yesterday claimed to be well on course to capture almost a quarter of cross-Channel freight business by the end of next year.

The forecast was disputed by P&O, which said that in September it carried an all-time record 44,300 trucks, up by 26 per cent on September last year. P&O also said that the volume of freight on the Dover-Calais route over the past nine months had risen by almost a third.

Making the prediction for Eurotunnel, Christian Zbylut, freight director, said that the extra business would not be gained at the price of undercutting ferry operators. "In fact, we expect and accept that we will always have a tariff which is marginally higher than that of our competitors," he said. "We provide a better service and the benefit we offer must command a price differential."

A lone trucker turning up at Folkestone for the Le Shuttle freight service could expect to pay about £390 for a single journey. Big operators can expect discounts that will cut the price to about £300 or less.

Already, Mr Zbylut said, big companies had switched, from ferries and flying, to the Tunnel for just-in-time deliveries.

By October 22, freight should operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, building up to almost 50 departures a day by December.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.06
Austria Sch	18.26	16.76
Belgium Fr	53.88	49.26
Canada $	2.241	2.061
Cyprus Cypf	0.781	0.731
Denmark Kr	10.21	9.41
Finland Mkk	8.16	7.46
France Fr	8.66	8.16
Germany Dm	2.61	2.40
Greece Dr	390.00	365.00
Hong Kong $	12.88	11.88
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.96
Italy Lira	2595.00	2440.00
Japan Yen	174.50	157.50
Malta	0.618	0.583
Netherlds Gld	2.896	2.668
Norway Kr	11.26	10.46
Portugal Esc	261.00	242.50
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.52
Spain Pta	211.00	197.00
Sweden Kr	12.30	11.50
Switzerland Fr	2.18	2.00
Turkey Lira*	REFER	52629.0
USA $	1.681	1.551

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank plc. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Tiphook in new boardroom upheaval



Clubb: fresh approach

BY ROBERT MILLER

TIPHOOK, the troubled trailer rental group soon to be renamed Central Transport Rental group, was rocked again yesterday by a further boardroom upheaval. The company announced yesterday that Andrew Chandler, who became the group's finance director in August 1993, will leave at the end of November. Philip Price, Tiphook's company secretary, will leave at the end of this month, "to pursue his career outside the group". A new company secretary will join Tiphook shortly.

Last night the company said that Ian Clubb, who was appointed chairman of Tiphook following last month's annual meeting, wanted to take "a fresh approach after initiating a thorough review of the business." Mr Chandler is on a basic annual salary of £150,000, but industry sources say he is likely to receive "significantly less" than this sum by way of severance. Mr Price, who is on a six-month contract with a basic salary believed to be in the region of £50,000, will receive even less.

This week Royal Bank of Scotland will attempt to serve a personal formal bankruptcy petition on Robert Montague, chief executive and founder of Tiphook. This will seek to recover £2.3 million owed to RBS from Mr Montague's personal property and farm assets. Mr Montague owns a 1,300 acre estate in Oxfordshire. RBS has already raised a bankruptcy petition at Oxford County Court against Mr Montague, who is reported to have personal debts of £30 million.

Mr Clubb said yesterday: "It is business as usual and Robert Montague is still regarded as essential to the company."

Mr Montague and the Tiphook board came heavy attack from disgruntled shareholders at last month's annual general meeting. Top of the hit list was Mr Montague's remuneration package. This rose to £1.34 million in the year ending April 1994, from £1.17 million in 1993, despite a dramatic fall in the company's shares and profitability. This included a bonus payment to Mr Monatgue after he signed a "non-compete" undertaking at the insistence of Transamerica, the US group, that acquired Tiphook's container operation in March for nearly £700 million.

Shareholders were told at the meeting that "your board has complete confidence that Mr Montague is best qualified to run our trailer and rail businesses".

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Linklaters to get new City headquarters

DEVELOPMENT Securities, the property group, is to develop a £170 million corporate headquarters for Linklaters & Paines, the City solicitors. Linklaters, which is currently housed in three separate office buildings, has for years been a prime target for landlords looking for blue-chip tenants, but the firm has chosen a redevelopment of Milton House and Shire House at Silk Street in the City.

In a complex transaction, Development Securities has bought the freehold of the former BP offices from the receivers at an undisclosed price in the region of £40 million. At the same time, the developer has secured a letting to Linklaters and sold the completed development to Haus Invest, a property fund managed by Commerzbank which is making its first investment in the UK. The developer said that work on the building — which is to be stripped down to the core — is expected to take 18 months and will start in the new year.

Euro Disney shares fall

EURO Disney shares slid 3.3 per cent in Paris yesterday, despite the theme park operator's denial of a French magazine report alleging falling attendance. *L'Expansion* said visitors during the 1993/94 financial year had fallen to 8.2 million from 9.8 million. The company said the report had "no basis in reality", but would not give its own figures. Its shares closed down 25 centimes at 7.50 francs, but volume was a modest 790,000 shares. In London, the shares were unchanged at 91p. Analysts expect the park to narrow its losses this year after 1992/93's Fr5.3 billion deficit.

Lottery details outlined

NATIONAL Lottery punters face odds of 2.3 million to one against winning a £100,000 bonus prize, it was announced yesterday. This compares with a one in 14 million chance of winning the weekly jackpot of £2 million or more, and an overall chance of one in 54 of winning any prize. Camelot Group, confirming that a seventh "bonus" number was to be added to the six numbers in the Saturday night televised draw, said the bonus would come from a seventh numbered ball drawn after the six main balls. Tickets go on sale on Monday, November 14, six days before the inaugural draw.

Phone talks cut off

TALKS by Sprint, Nynex and Bell Atlantic to form a nationwide cellular telephone company in America appeared to have broken down yesterday as reports emerged of a possible deal between Sprint and several cable companies, including Tele-Communications, to provide a wireless communications service. Other cable operators said to be involved in the new talks are Comcast, Cox and Continental Cablevision. The shift means that the plans by AT&T and McCaw cellular to merge and create a giant cellular network may achieve a significant head start in the sector.

Manganese pays more

MANGANESE Bronze, the engineering group that produces London's black cabs, has increased the dividend to 4p from 2.5p with a 2.5p final (2p) after a rise in taxable profits to £2 million (£1.5 million) in the year to July 31. Turnover eased to £74.57 million (£75.4 million), but operating profits rose to £2.9 million from £1.8 million.

A triennial pension fund valuation showed the scheme has fallen into a substantial deficit. In consultation with the scheme's trustees and actuaries an additional £1.2 million is being paid into the fund.

Listing rules relaxed

THE Stock Exchange is to relax listing requirements for companies using genetic engineering and similar techniques. Normally, companies have to show three years profitable trading before being allowed to float their shares in London. Under the new rules, expected to become effective in January, scientific groups that are involved in food and agriculture research must have a development agreement with an independent company worth at least £5 million and must have spent £20 million on research and development over the past three years.

Fitch passes payout

FITCH, the international design group, is again passing the interim dividend despite reducing losses to £151,000 before tax from £381,000 in the half year to June 30. Martin Beck, chairman, said the US market showed signs of recovering, but the design market in Britain remained difficult and steps had been taken to cut costs and rationalise the business. Losses per share were 1.1p, reduced from 2p. There was an operating profit of £282,000 before exceptional costs, against losses of £149,000 last time. An exceptional charge of £233,000 relates to financial restructuring of the UK business.

Argent plans £70m office

ARGENT Group is submitting a planning application for a £70 million scheme on the site of Suffolk House, in the City, where Argent expects to obtain vacant possession of the freehold, following a complex deal with Midland. The bank, which formerly occupied Suffolk House, has bought a 40-year headlease for £17.4 million from Argent to avoid a continuing liability to pay rent. In turn, Argent has acquired a call option from Midland to buy the freehold of the building, exercisable until next October. Argent said the new 120,000 sq ft office and dealing-room building would be available in 1997.

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☐ Chancellor outgunned over rate rise ☐ End of the Blue Arrow affair ☐ Lucas looks for 'no-excuses' culture

Ticking away the minutes

☐ IN THE minutes of the September 12 monetary meeting, published yesterday, the Chancellor kindly provided a list of 11 simple bullet-points that argued the case against the last interest rate rise more succinctly than his critics have done.

The 11 indicators were not of concern, he said; then used up a full page of the minutes going through them.

In comparison, the defence of the rate rise is full of holes. Eddie George — for it was naturally he who pushed for the rate rise in September — had meagre counter-arguments. While official indicators of inflation did not suggest price pressures building up, anecdotal evidence, notably from surveys, did.

This is a very thin straw in the wind. It is perfectly understandable that British companies want to raise their prices. What good is economic recovery otherwise? But wishing and getting are two quite different things.

There have been two economic relationships during this recovery which have been remarkably stable. The first shows that producer output prices have been extremely sticky, despite rising input costs, because companies know that their customers will not pay higher prices.

The second is the relationship between retail prices and retail sales. Every month that retailers have tried to raise prices, consumers have zipped up their wallets again.

The Governor's other defence for raising rates is contained in the argument that the financial markets were expecting him to, and that, if he and the Chancellor were to delay, any interest rate rise would probably have to be larger.

This assumes that the financial markets are rational. It also assumes that yields have been rising because of inflationary expectations. Both are debatable.

Making policy on the basis of revisions to second quarter gross domestic product growth is hazardous and short-term. Preliminary figures for the third quarter are due next Friday and are widely expected to confirm that the economy is slowing. If they do, bond yields will decline and both reasons for the rise in interest rates are gone.

So why did the Chancellor ignore his instincts and buy the Governor's arguments?

The answer is that Unsteady Eddie threatened him. If the interest rate rise was delayed, he said, they "might have to return to the issue before the next monthly meeting".

So much for the credibility of a new monetary framework when interest rate changes are decided upon once a month and then openly explained in the minutes of those meetings six weeks later. Silly Ken.

Berry report rebutted

☐ NO ONE seems to dispute that, in December 1988, Tony Berry's company, Blue Arrow, made a £25 million loan to a company controlled by Peter de Savary relating to a property transaction at Canvey Island. Four years later, a 500-page report was published on the matter by the trade department.

It said Mr Berry had co-operated fully with the inquiry but noted "there are a number of occasions where we have not accepted Mr Berry's evidence either because, in our view, it was not credible or because it was contrary to other evidence which we have accepted".

The inspectors said that some

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of Mr Berry's "acts and omissions" were "clearly not acceptable conduct for someone in a postion of authority in a public company". Yet yesterday the department, which appointed the inspectors, said it would not proceed with legal moves to bar Mr Berry from the boardroom.

He had also been accused of neglecting to tell the Blue Arrow board of the burgeoning cost of the company's challenge for the America's Cup. The inspectors' were left in little doubt. They wrote: "Had Mr Berry told the board at the 30 November 1988 meeting that on the previous day he had committed Blue Arrow to an estimated further £15 million expenditure on the America's Cup and was intending to defray this expense with profits from the Canvey project ... the board's reaction could have been very different." Michael Heseltine plainly felt it was enough to seek through the courts Mr Berry's disqualification as a director. Mr Berry disagreed. Not only did he contest, successfully, the decision, he also maintained that the inspectors had made "unjustified criticisms" of him. The Berry camp said the report "contained insinuation and innuendo which is wholly unsupported by any evidence", and added that accusations that he deliberately misled the board were unsupported by evidence and unreasonable.

Yesterday, the Berry camp was triumphant. It said: "We wait to learn how the Secretary of State intends to compensate Mr Berry for the damage caused him in addition to the costs of these proceedings." In a similar vein, John Gunn, former chairman of British & Commonwealth, is to take attempts by the DTI to disqualify him to the European courts. Ernest Saunders, once chief executive of Guinness, was said by the European Court of Human Rights to have had his rights violated by the use of DTI statements in evidence against him in the Guinness trial.

Simpson's team gets the message

☐ GEORGE Simpson was making a point yesterday, and it had little to do with Lucas's mammoth restructuring. A declaration that recent management changes "will increase my reach into the organisation" and move the group towards a "no-excuses culture" was aimed as much towards his senior staff as towards the City.

The Lucas announcement created an intriguing two-way pull on the shares yesterday. The provisions were ahead of expectations despite all the indications that a kitchen-sink package was on the way. A chunk relates to the settlement of the second damaging contractual dispute in recent years. Lucas is under scrutiny over alleged misdeeds in the supply of gear-boxes to F-18 fighter in the US, and the cost of resolving this forms the smaller part of a total of £87.6 million in trading one-offs last year. The balance goes to cover restructuring and job cuts. The rest of the one-offs arises from the need to write off goodwill on businesses up for sale. The sharp upsurge in the shares only served to encourage selling by houses who were already taking a dim view of the company.

Bid speculation is all but dead in Lucas. The group went into the last recession too big and too ambitious, and the bears fear it may be in danger of repeating the trick again.

Burnt fingers

☐ BRITAIN'S banks do not seem to learn from their mistakes. A child learns quickly that if he puts his hand in fire he will get burnt, but bankers still do not seem to realise that if they make large loans at low margins, they will be unable to make an adequate return on capital.

They do not seem to remember that the intense competition in corporate lending during the 1980s played a large part in the banks' bad debt problems during the early 1990s.

In the past few months the price of loans fallen sharply. Last year, banks were at least paying lip service to the need for an improvement in lending criteria. This year, standards have slipped.

Lucas clears decks and wipes out year's profit

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

A HUGE deck-clearing exercise from Lucas Industries, the automotive and aerospace engineer that has long been one of the stock market's favourite bid candidates, will mean the sale of five US businesses and the loss of almost 1,000 jobs in Britain and France.

The cost of the restructuring wiped out latest full-year profits from Lucas, although George Simpson, the new chief executive brought in from Rover, said he expected the provisions to be the last "for some considerable time". (See Pennington on this page).

Operating profits before one-off costs were up from £85.4 million to £126.6 million in the year to July 31, helped by an improved performance from the automotive side and sharply higher profits from aerospace and applied technology. But after a total of £213.9 million in exceptional items, to cover restructuring, the expected cost of selling businesses and the need to resolve a damaging legal dispute with the US Department of Defence, the company fell into a £129.7 million loss before tax, against profits of £49.5 million.

Losses per share were 22.3p, against earnings of 3.2p, but Lucas is maintaining the dividend with a 4.9p final, making 7.0p for the year. The shares added 17p to 194p. The market had feared a possible rights issue, or a dividend cut.

Mr Simpson said less than 40 per cent of all the provisions represented real cash out of the company, the rest being a balance sheet item which required the write-off of goodwill on five acquisitions made in the 1980s which have been put up for sale.

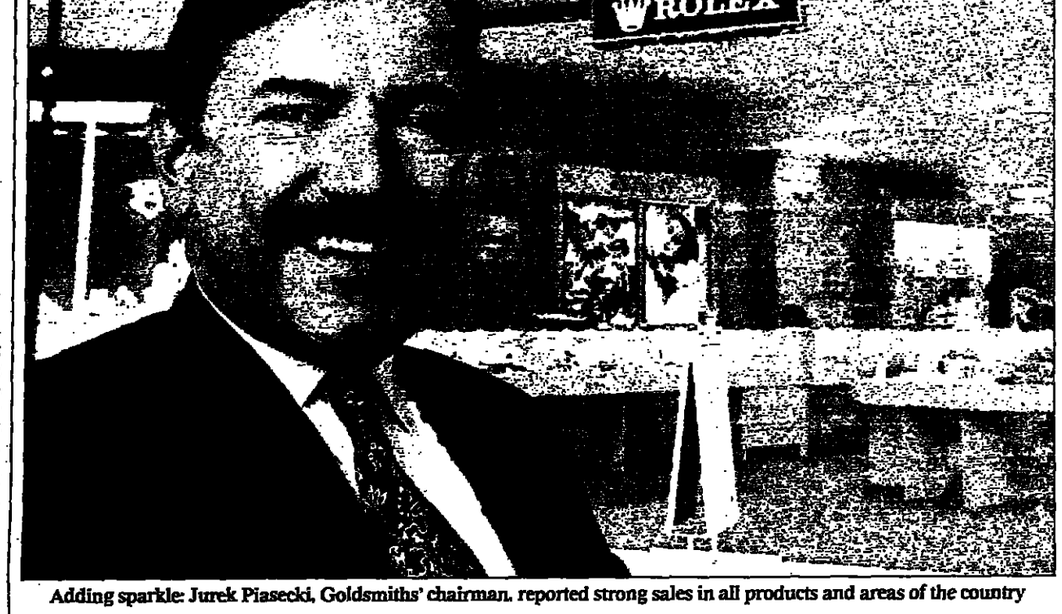
The five businesses identified for disposal are in addition to two other offshoots whose probable sale was announced last week. "There are a number of people interested in all of the businesses we have mentioned," Mr Simpson said.

He added: "Looking beyond these non-recurring 1993/94 issues, there is clear evidence emerging of a greatly improved trading position, particularly in our automotive business."

The restructuring, unlike one carried out by Lucas two years ago that cost thousands of jobs, was not about "headcount reduction," he said. Instead, the company was focusing on its core businesses at the expense of peripheral activities.

The automotive side doubled operating profits, from £44.5 million to £88.1 million, from 13 per cent real sales growth and productivity improvements. But aerospace fell from £30.3 million to £13.2 million after £16.4 million was written off stock values. Applied technology fell from £10.6 million to £6.4 million after £3.5 million of exceptional reorganisation costs.

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Adding sparkle: Jurek Piasecki, Goldsmiths' chairman, reported strong sales in all products and areas of the country

Goldsmiths cuts half-year losses

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

GOLDSMITHS Group, the jewellery retailer that distributes Cartier, Ebel and Omega brands, has seen a 10.9 per cent increase in sales in the first nine weeks of the second half.

The company is reinstating the interim dividend at 0.8p a share, payable on December 12, after reducing the seasonal first-half loss to £817,000 before tax in the six months to July 30, from £1.34 million previously. The loss per share was reduced to 2.49p from 4.09p.

Turnover rose to £21.9 million from £18.75 million, with sales for the six-month period increasing 13.2 per cent. Jurek Piasecki, chairman and chief executive, said sales continued to be strong in all product groups and in all areas of the country, with the South East still performing "extremely well". New format shops were maintaining double-digit percentage increases in sales and the modernisation programme was well under way.

The rate of increase slowed slightly in September, with the like-for-like increase slipping to 7.7 per cent, but remained ahead of budget. The improved performance had resulted in reduced borrowings and gearing, Mr Piasecki said.

The company has agreed terms for a revised four-and-a-half-year working capital and term loan facility with Dresdner Bank and the NatWest, switching borrowings to "significantly better" terms than those in place during the recession.

Goldsmiths also announced the acquisition of Burrells, of Croydon, for £321,000 and the opening of new shops in Derby, Leamington Spa and Watford.

Clinton Cards buys 86 Hallmark shops

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

CLINTON Cards has bolstered its position as Britain's leading specialist greetings card retailer by buying 86 shops in England and Wales from Hallmark for £3.5 million.

American-owned Hallmark has decided to sell its retailing business, which includes the Hallmark and Hall of Cards fascias, to concentrate on its core publishing and distribution activities. The company, one of Clinton's major suppliers, lost £300,000 last year on estimated sales of £21.1 million. The loss was after branch costs, but before field supervision and head office costs.

Don Lewin, Clinton's chairman, said that the group could improve Hallmark's performance through better buying and economies of scale. The two chains were a good fit, with only about 12 overlapping sites. With planned openings, this will leave Clinton with about 360 shops by January, up from 277 now.

Clinton unveiled a £2.2 million pre-tax loss in the half year to July 30, against a £956,000 loss last time. Mr Lewin blamed weak consumer confidence. Like-for-like sales slipped by about 4 per cent as gift sales fell. An interim dividend, again 1.6p, is due on November 15.

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IBM joins up with Philips

IBM, the world's largest computer manufacturer, and Philips Electronics, the Dutch giant, announced yesterday that they would form a joint venture to manufacture semiconductor chips. The two groups will also negotiate other areas of co-operation.

The joint venture will use IBM's facility near Stuttgart, Germany, and its 800 employees to manufacture 4-megabit dynamic random access memory chips, the most popular memory chip currently sold. It will also manufacture 0.8 micron line width logic products for Philips.

Thai Air-Lufthansa sign pact

FROM REUTER IN FRANKFURT

LUFTHANSA, the German national airline, and Thai Airways International created the largest international network of air services yesterday when they signed a strategic code-sharing alliance.

The move to share flight codes and link route networks on booking systems connects the burgeoning economies of South-East Asia with Europe and the lucrative North American market through Lufthansa's existing deal with United Airlines, the US carrier.

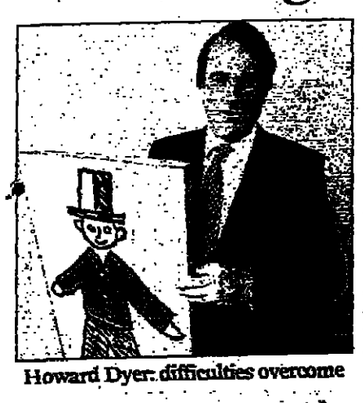
"Thai Airways International becomes an important cornerstone of a triad of airlines... reflecting the economic triad of America, Europe and Asia," said Juergen Weber, chairman of Deutsche Lufthansa, said in Bangkok.

"Our network will link... Chicago, Washington, Frankfurt, Munich, Bangkok, Tokyo and San Francisco," Herr Weber said. "The objective of our alliance is to optimise the route structure of the alliance partners into one single seamless network." The deal embraces both passenger and cargo code-sharing, which will start up next summer.

Thai and Lufthansa plan to develop Bangkok into the major cargo hub in the Asian-Pacific region and Lufthansa cargo head Wilhelm Althen said the South-East Asian cargo market would double in the next two or three years.

The German airline's weekly passenger flights to Thailand will increase to 20 in a year's time from 15 now. Lufthansa's tie-up with United Airlines saw passenger numbers rise by a combined 100,000 by August since the deal came into force on June 1.

Earnings at Hamleys on course



Howard Dyer: difficulties overcome

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

SHARES in Hamleys, the upmarket Regent Street toy shop, stubbornly remained unchanged at 168p yesterday, against May's flotation price of 185p. News of a sharp rise in taxable profits in the first half was countered by a warning that retailers in central London had been adversely affected by hot weather in the summer and the train strikes.

Howard Dyer, chairman, said the company continued to meet planned earnings despite the difficult trading environment. Trading over the Christmas period remains the key to the company's fortunes, by which time Hamleys will operate a further 16 House of Toys' concessions within House of Fraser outlets.

In the half year to July 30 pre-tax profits rose to £676,000 from £115,000. Earnings were 2.7p a share, compared with a pro-forma 1.5p, and there is a maiden interim dividend of 2p. Turnover rose to £8.9 million from £7.67 million.

Sales in the flagship Regent Street store increased by 14 per cent over the same period of last year, when some disruption was caused by refurbishment. A shop at Heathrow's Terminal 4 traded well after "a refinement of the product mix" and the outlet at London's Covent Garden traded at a profit.

STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Share surge takes index back above 3,000 mark

BEARS remained on the run as share prices in London surged back through the 3,000 level, encouraged by Friday's positive performance on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 index closed just below its best of the day, 33.6 up at 3,032.3, as fears of another rise in interest rates continued to recede despite evidence of a further jump in consumer spending and raw materials. Instead, investors were happy to concentrate on several surveys indicating a slowdown in economic growth and ruling out the need for a further rise in money rates. Many of them are also pinning their hopes on some positive news emerging from this week's Conservative Party conference at Bournemouth.

Few are willing to place their trust in this market, and that is clearly being reflected in turnover levels. A meagre 488 million shares changed hands yesterday and even this figure was inflated by trading in several penny share stocks that included 14.7 million Ticketing, unchanged at 1¼p, and 15 million Dragon Oil, steady at 1¾p.

Brokers are clearly still trading at a loss because of low turnover levels, but prices of the securities houses and merchant banks came bouncing back yesterday in the belief that recent falls had been overdone. **SG Warburg** climbed 23p to 610p, **Kleinwort Benson**, 16p to 449p, **Hambros**, 10p to 243p, **Close Brothers**, 3p to 218p, **Schroders**, 10p to £13.23, **Barclays Bank**, 11p to 553p, **National Westminster**, 12p to 494p, **BWD Securities**, 2p to 84p, and **Brewin Dolphin**, 3p to 128p.

The military build-up in the Gulf saw oil shares fall under the spotlight, as the price of oil traded higher on world markets. **BP** led the way with a rise of 3p to 418½p after going ex-dividend, as did **Shell**, 9p firmer at 710p. There were also gains for **Enterprise Oil**, 5p to 391p, **Lasmo**, 3p to 154p, while **Great Western Resources** continued to respond to last week's buyout deal with Enterprise, adding 3p at 47p.

Zeneca fell 8p at to 807p on claims that BZW placed a line of 2 million shares at 812p.

The losses at **Lucas Industries** turned out to be far worse than even the most pessimistic forecast, as George Simpson, new chief executive, began clearing the decks. Pre-tax profits last year climbed 70 per cent to £84.2 million, but this was struck before exceptional provisions of £87.6 million for restructuring and US government fines, and a further £94.3 million relating to goodwill writedowns. These left the group nursing losses of almost £130 million. But Mr Simpson clearly made an impression on brokers after outlining the benefits of restructuring and the strength of the group's automotive markets which are together expected to lead to a sustained recovery. The shares responded by rising 17p to 194p, as almost 4 million changed hands.

Eastern Group, the electricity distributor, fell 1p to 760p after confirming talk about a rationalisation programme. The group says it intends to shed 450 jobs over the next two years.

TI Group enjoyed a rise of 8p to 353p, helped by NatWest Securities, the broker, altering its recommendation from a "sell" to a "hold".

NatWest is also taking a more positive line on events at **Burton Group**, with the price adding 1½p at 64p. The broker says competition remains tough, but is confident that trading conditions should now be improving, prompting analysts to upgrade their profit forecast. It also believes that the group has begun addressing the problem of underperforming stores.

There were a total of 16 fallers among the top 100 companies and several of these were supermarket chains. They remain overshadowed by the latest round of price cuts that have marked an escalation of the high street price war. **J Sainsbury**, which has just announced a new round of reductions, fell 2½p to 394½p, followed by **Tesco**, 1½p to 235½p. **Argyll** was also 1p lighter at 264p, while **Asda** recovered an early fall to finished ½p firmer at 61½p.

A profits warning combined with disappointing first-half figures left **Scottish Television**, where **Mirror Group Newspapers** has recently acquired a 20 per cent stake, 44p lower at 430p. Scottish expects a 31 per cent shortfall in full-year profits due to disrupted airtime sales caused by the ending of its joint sales operation with Granada, after the latter's acquisition of LWT. Meanwhile, first-half pre-tax profits dropped from £3.1 million to £1.7 million, with the company forecasting £9 million for the full year, compared with £13.1 million last time. Mirror Group shares slipped 3p to 128p.

Stanhope Properties, the USM-quoted property developer where John Ritblat's British Land owns a near 30 per cent stake, tumbled 5p to 14p. The group is in talks about a rescue bid but warns that any offer for the company is unlikley to exceed last Friday's closing price.

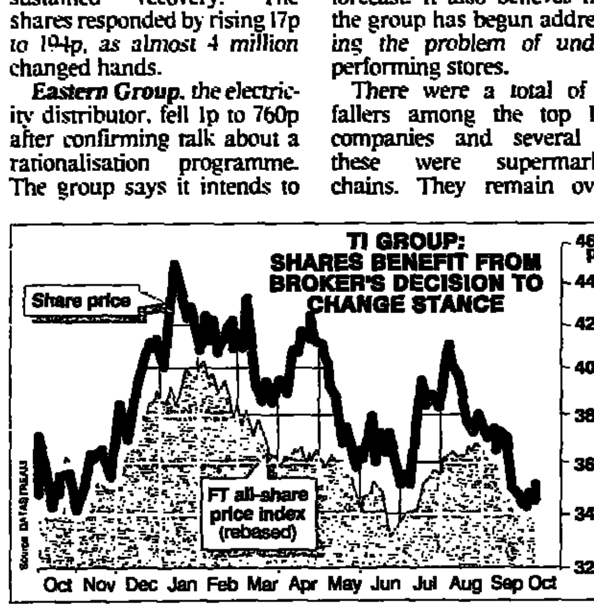
□ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts saw early attention focus on the shorter end of the market, after publication of the minutes of the meeting last month between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. These indicated that the Governor had held out against a rise of a full point in interest rates. Longs looked as if they would finished with losses on the day, but were rescued by a positive performance from German Bunds, while US bond markets were affected by the Columbus Day celebrations.

The December series of the Long Gilt future finished £⅛ easier at £100⁹⁄₁₆ in low turnover that saw only 47,000 contracts completed. The Bank of England has issued three new taplets including £250 million of Treasury 6 per cent 1999, £250 million of Treasury 8 per cent 2009 and £150 million of Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2020/24.

□ **NEW YORK**: The Dow Jones industrial average added 14.80 points, to stand at 3,812.23 by midday.


Military activity in the Gulf focused attention on oil shares

REUTERS, the news agency and financial information group, firmed 3½p to 450p as almost 5 million shares were traded. The group is updating brokers today on current trading. They will undoubtedly want to know if cost-cutting and job losses at securities houses in New York and London have had any impact.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3812.23 (+14.80)
S&P Composite .... 457.73 (+2.63)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9248.40 (-36.48)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 398.88 (+6.01)

Sydney:
AO .... 1988.0 (+20.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2024.79 (-64.20)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2302.28 (-27.81)

Brussels:
General .... 7007.21 (+53.56)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1898.32 (+41.94)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 651.50 (+10.60)

London:
FT 30 .... 2338.9 (+28.5)
FT 100 .... 3032.3 (+33.6)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3482.8 (+35.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1317.39 (+29.40)
FT A All-Share .... 1509.49 (+15.30)
FT Non Financials .... 1633.47 (+15.15)
FT Gold Mines .... 283.7 (+1.9)
FT Fixed Interest .... 107.42 (+0.19)
FT Govt Secs .... 90.86 (+0.08)
Bargains 22921
SEAQ Volume 488.7m
USM (Datastrm) .... 155.53 (-0.32)
US$ .... 1.5835 (-0.0073)
German Mark .... 2.4541 (+0.0038)
Exchange Index .... 80.3 (same)
RPI .... 144.7 Aug (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
Bank of England official close (4pm)

RECENT ISSUES

Compel (125)	113	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Emerging Mkts C	62	...
Ennemix (63)	67	...
Games Workshop (115)	123	+2
Hambros Sml Asian	60	...
Hambros Smlr As Wts	29	...
Indpndnt Parts (112)	120	...
Mackie Intnl (180)	181	...
Man ED & F (180)	174	+2
Ryland (80)	82	...
Templeton Emerg New	361	-1
Templeton Emerg Wts	191	...
Wrexham Water	340	...
Wrexham Water NV	325	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Jermyn Inv n/p (160)	2	...
Reckitt & Clmn n/p (500)	25	...
Unichem n/p (245)	11	...
World of Leather n/p (75)	3	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Barclays .... 553p (+11p)
Hambros .... 243p (+10p)
SG Warburg .... 610p (+23p)
ADT .... 705p (+10p)
Kwik Save .... 554p (+13p)
De La Rue .... 939p (+13p)
Kelsey Ind .... 315p (+10p)
Carlton Comm .... 828p (+14p)
Chrysalis .... 239p (+26p)
Ramco Egy .... 217p (+10p)
Portals .... 730p (+25p)
Slough Estates .... 234p (+10p)
BAT .... 441p (+12p)
BAA .... 496p (+22p)
Lucas .... 194p (+17p)
Thomson Corp .... 715p (+20p)

FALLS:
Zeneca .... 807p (-8p)
Asprey .... 152p (-7p)
Swire Pacific 'A' .... 462p (-14p)
Wellcome .... 660p (-8p)
Scot TV .... 430p (-44p)
Airflow Stream .... 132p (-6p)

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TEMPUS

Saddam's wild card

IF history repeats itself, first time as tragedy, second as farce, the ragged Iraqi troops massing on the border with Kuwait will probably fail to see the joke. For the oil market, however, recent events that have lifted the Brent crude price comfortably above the $17 level, contain more than a little of the absurd. The Gulf is now chock full of US weaponry while the Kuwaitis are better prepared to defend their oil installations. Few in the oil market would be so rash as to take a punt on which button the Iraqi dictator will press but there are sound reasons to maintain relatively modest oil price expectations even if an invasion is launched. Demand is recovering for oil, but the main areas of growth are still the US and Asia, while Europe is sluggish and demand from the former Soviet Union continues to fall. At the same time, supply is burgeoning in the North Sea, Nigeria is back in production and Opec members will rush to accommodate any Kuwaiti shortfall.

Kuwait pumps out about 2 million barrels per day and Saudi Arabia, which is slightly exceeding its 8 million barrel per day quota, could boost its production in a matter of weeks to 10 million. The kingdom's willingness to balance world oil markets for the benefit of its allies would no doubt come with the extra incentive of revenue needed to finance another war.

The wild card is the timescale for removal of sanctions on Iraq's oil exports, with the troop movements a sign of the country's increasing desperation. If renewed conflict hastened the removal of Saddam Hussein, Iraqi oil exports would follow quickly, putting more downward pressure on the price.

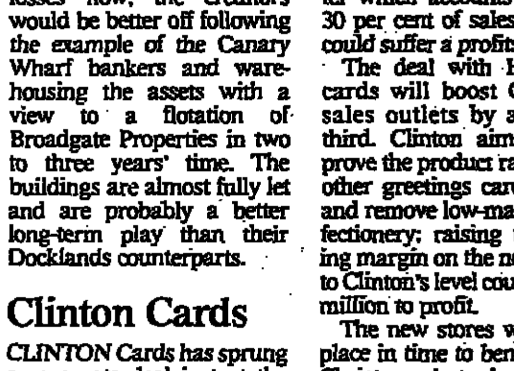
Scottish TV

IN A paradoxical way, the unexpectedly bad figures from Scottish TV may be good news for Mirror Group Newspapers, even if they have depressed even further the market price of an investment for which MGN was happy to pay 520p a share three weeks ago.

MGN's 20 per cent position in STV was never a trading investment, while yesterday's figures suggest the logic of a business link between the two, with STV making programmes for broadcast on MGN's nascent Live TV cable channel, may be even more compelling.

Hitting the STV figures hard was the need for the company to switch to a new airtimes sales house in the wake of Granada's takeover of LWT. The Scots deserve no little sympathy for the harshness of the Department of Trade and Industry's decision, but they could at least be significantly better off with the TSMS sales operation and away from the squabble between the Time Exchange and Unilever. However this pans out, it will probably have cost STV £5 million in lost revenues this year, and the company lacks the size of Granada to absorb such a blow.

If, as assumed, the loss of revenue from the airtimes sales switch is a one-off, then STV should be back to profits of £17 million in 1995, leaving the shares selling on 18 times that year's earnings. An eventual takeover by MGN looks an impossibility, but the ball remains in the latter's court.



Stanhope

THE market has waited so long for signs of a Stanhope refinancing that speculation is less on the rescuer's identity than on the likely scenario without a rescuer. Stanhope's creditors, mainly a Japanese banking syndicate, hold the keys to Broadgate. The problem is that time has widened rather than narrowed the gap between the expectations of investors and Stanhope's — and presumably the bank's — bottom line.

Broadgate is let at rents that exceed market rates and investors will need patient money to wait until the rents begin to cover, and exceed, the cost of holding the property. That problem has worsened since February, with the interest rates rise, and any deal struck today will inevitably be less attractive to Stanhope.

For Stanhope's bankers, the absence of an attractive offer from British Land or any other party, leaves them with a short-term problem but a long-term solution. Letting Stanhope go under would leave the shares of Broadgate Properties, joint venture owner of Broadgate, in the hands of two sets of receivers. Rather than accept losses now, the creditors would be better off following the example of the Canary Wharf bankers and warehousing the assets with a view to a flotation of Broadgate Properties in two to three years' time. The buildings are almost fully let and are probably a better long-term play than their Docklands counterparts.

Clinton Cards

CLINTON Cards has sprung a corporate deal just at the right time. In previous years Mr Blobby and Garfield the cat, brought festive cheer to sales at the greetings card and gifts retailer which needs that extra boost from a popular cartoon character to lift sales above its core trading level. Unfortunately, this year the company has so far lacked a new furry friend to promote, and the traditional first half trading loss has more than doubled in a flat market. Without a good performance in the fourth quarter which accounts for over 30 per cent of sales, Clinton could suffer a profits setback.

The deal with Hallmark cards will boost Clinton's sales outlets by almost a third. Clinton aims to improve the product range with other greetings card brands and remove low-margin confectionery; raising the trading margin on the new stores to Clinton's level could add £1 million to profit.

The new stores will be in place in time to benefit from Christmas, but a business so closely linked to consumer sentiment cannot afford to rely on acquisitions to make up a shortfall from weak demand. On the basis of current trading, Clinton will have to work hard to meet last year's £3 million profits.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	934-933	Mar	1047-1046
Mar	970-969	May	1063-1062
May	984-981	Jul	1080-1065
Jul	996-995	Sep	1100-1075
Sep	1008-1007		
Dec	1026-1025		Volume: 3276

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3450-3445	Jul	3345-3340
Jan	3446-3445	Sep	3325-3320
Mar	3385-3383	Nov	3345-3325
May	3370-3365		Volume: 5947

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	328.0-27.3
Spot: 338.00		Oct	313.4-10.8
Dec	329.3-28.5	Dec	313.3-08.8
Mar	329.0-28.5	Mar	314.7-08.3
May	328.5-28.0		Volume: 787

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 7

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	71.43	90.46	116.97
(+/-)	+0.58	+2.36	+0.77
Eng/Wales:	71.43	89.71	117.31
(+/-)	+0.58	+1.63	+1.17
(%)	-8.0	+46.0	-6.0
Scotland:	n/a	93.87	113.93
(+/-)	—	+5.68	-2.88
(%)	—	+34.0	+20.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.75	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.85	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.95	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.20	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	18.35	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 174 (+1)	O: 179 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	158 (-2)	159 (-2)
Non EEC IH Nov	161 (-2)	163 (-2)
Non EEC IH Dec	162 (-2)	164 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	93 (+10)	95 (+10)
Naphtha	170 (+1)	173 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	156.00-56.25	Jan	161.50-61.75
Nov	158.25 BID	Feb	162.25-62.50
Dec	160.00 SLR		Vol: 17911

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.93-16.95	Feb	16.98-17.02
Dec	16.98-17.00	Mar	16.96-16.98
Jan	16.99-17.01		Vol: 28847

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	103.75	Nov	102.25
Jan	105.75	Jan	104.50
Mar	107.90	Mar	106.50
May	109.90	May	108.50
Jul	112.00	Sep	95.00
Volume: 909		Volume: 24	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	216.0	222.5
May	unq	238.0
		Volume: 217

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 88.50-89.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 94	1835	1835	1860
Nov 94	1835	1825	1830
Dec 94	1820	1810	1818
Jan 95	1790	1780	1787
Vol: 288 lots		Open Interest: 2886	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2509.0-2510.0	2500.0-2501.0	1597375
Lead ($/tonne)	632.50-633.00	646.50-647.00	107150
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1040.5-1041.0	1060.5-1061.0	685300
Tin ($/tonne)	5345.0-5350.0	5421.0-5425.0	14260
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1630.0-1631.0	1645.5-1646.0	1391175
Nickel ($/tonne)	6574.0-6575.0	6680.0-6682.0	98574

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom.	540	33	—	—	2½	—	—
(*569)	580	5	—	—	24½	—	—
Argyll	260	10½	18½	26	5	16	19½
(*264)	280	3	9½	17	19	27½	31½
ASDA	60	3½	6½	8	2	4½	6
(*61)	70	1	2½	4	10	13½	12
Boots	500	13	27	39	7½	19	29
(*504)	550	1	8½	19	48½	55½	59½
Br Airways	360	13	26	36	7	18½	26
(*364½)	390	2½	13½	23	28½	37	41½
BP	390	32½	40½	49½	1½	7½	13½
(*418½)	420	8	22	32½	9	20	26½
Br Steel	160	10	16	22	2	7	9½
(*168)	180	1½	7	13½	14	18	20
C & W	390	14½	29½	41½	7	22	27½
(*394½)	420	3½	16½	28	29	39½	44½
CU	493	41	55	61½	1½	8	17½
(*529½)	543	5	24	32½	18½	29½	43
ICI	800	22	49½	65	11	28½	47½
(*808½)	850	3½	25½	40½	45½	57½	76
Kingfishr	460	35	50	62½	3	12	20½
(*488½)	500	9	24½	40½	18	29½	38½
Land Sec	600	19	32	43½	5	16½	22
(*612½)	650	1½	12	20½	40	48½	51½
M & S	390	23½	32½	42	2	9	13½
(*410)	420	5	16	25½	14	23½	27
Nat West	460	38	51½	60½	2	9½	20½
(*493½)	500	8½	27	37½	14	25½	39½
Sainsbury	390	13	27½	39½	7	22	26
(*395)	420	2½	13½	24	28½	39	40
Shell	700	17½	37½	49½	7	18½	31
(*709)	750	1½	15	25	43½	49	61
Smkl Bch	420	13½	27½	36½	7½	20½	28
(*424½)	460	1½	11½	19½	37½	46½	52
Storehse	200	7½	15	19½	3½	9	14½
(*203½)	220	1½	6½	11	18½	22	26½
Trafalgar	80	4½	8	11	2½	5½	7
(*82)	90	1½	4	6½	10	11½	13
Unilever	1100	23½	51	68½	12½	35	52
(*1107½)	1150	4½	27½	45	48½	64	81½
Zeneca	800	20½	47½	60½	11½	28	45
(*809½)	850	3½	24	36	47	57½	74

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grand Met	390	26½	35	42½	7	18½	21½
(*405)	420	10½	19½	27½	22½	35	37½
Ladbroke	140	22½	27½	30½	2	4½	7½
(*158)	160	8½	15½	19	8	12½	16½
Utd Bisc	360	18½	28½	33	7	11	19½
(*308)	330	5½	15½	18½	26	28	38

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	475	27	35	46	2½	11½	15½
(*495)	500	8	20½	30½	12	22	27
Thames W	500	23½	34½	46½	4½	20½	24
(*517)	550	3	11½	24	36	49½	52½

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	31	45	51	7	14	24½
(*440)	460	11	21	29½	27½	34	47
BTR	300	21	31	35	5½	10	16½
(*313½)	330	6	16	20	21	26	33
Br Aero	420	47	63½	69½	7½	15½	24
(*456½)	460	20½	39½	48	24	32½	43
Br Telcm	360	32	36	42	3	8½	12
(*386)	390	12	16	26	12	22½	26
Cadbury	420	35½	46	51	4	8	16
(*447)	460	10½	22½	28½	21	26	36
Guinness	420	38½	48½	55	4½	8½	16
(*450)	460	11½	24	31	20½	26	34½
GEC	280	15	20	26½	5½	11	14
(*287)	300	5	11	17	17	22	24½
Hanson	220	15	18½	22	4	8½	11½
(*229)	240	4½	8½	13	14½	19½	22½
LASMO	154	9½	—	—	8½	—	—
(*154)	180	2	5½	9	28½	30½	32
Lucas	180	15½	20	25	5½	9	13½
(*192½)	200	5	11½	15½	17	20½	24½
Pilkingtn	180	11½	15	21	5½	10½	13
(*184½)	200	3½	7	12	18½	23	25
Prudential	280	25	33	36	3½	8	14
(*298½)	300	11½	20½	34	11	16½	24
Redland	460	24	30	47½	11½	19	33½
(*468½)	500	7½	21	29	36½	42	58
Royal Ins	280	18	28½	34	9	15½	22
(*287)	300	8½	18½	25	21	26	32½
Tesco	220	21	27	32	3½	7	11½
(*235)	240	7½	15	20½	12	16½	21
Vodafone	183	19½	24	—	3½	7	—
(*197½)	200	9	15	20½	10	15	18
Williams	325	17	—	—	6½	—	—
(*333)	354	4½	—	—	24½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*2997½)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Oct	155	111	71	39	17	7½
Nov	181	143	107	78	54	35
Dec	202	165	134	104	80	59
Jan	225	189	159	130	104	84
Jun	293	—	233	—	178	—
Puts						
Oct	6½	12	25	45	78	121
Nov	27	38	53	75	103	137
Dec	45	59	78	99	126	157
Jan	59	74	93	114	140	170
Jun	100	—	139	—	185	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	26	39½	40	11½	23½	28
(*399½)	420	11½	20	25	28½	40½	45
Amstrad	25	3	4	5½	2½	3½	4
(*26)	30	1½	2½	3½	6	7	7½
Barclays	550	30	43½	50½	19½	33½	39
(*553)	600	10½	22	29	52½	64½	69½
Blue Circ	260	24	31	36½	7½	9½	20½
(*272½)	280	12½	19½	26½	17	21	30½
Br Gas	280	22½	29	34	7	11½	17
(*299)	300	11½	18½	23½	17½	20½	27
Dixons	180	18½	23	28	7½	12½	16
(*189½)	200	9	13½	18½	18½	24	27
Forte	220	22½	28½	32½	5	9	14
(*234)	240	10½	17	22	14	18½	24
Hillsdwn	160	16	20½	23½	4½	8	12
(*171)	180	6	10½	13½	15½	17½	23½
Lonrho	130	14	17	20	4½	7½	9½
(*137½)	140	8	11½	15	9	13	14½
Sears	100	8	10½	12½	4	6½	8½
(*103)	110	3½	6	7½	10½	12½	15
Thm Eml	950	68	80½	102½	16½	30½	37½
(*989)	1000	37	53	74½	36	53	61½
Tomkins	200	21	26	31½	3½	9	12
(*212)	220	10½	15½	21½	15	19½	22½
TSB	200	22	25½	28½	4½	9½	12½
(*214)	230	6½	14	19	13½	20½	23
Wellcome	650	44½	66½	78	28	41½	54
(*660)	700	22	43½	55½	57	69½	81

	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	550	30½	53	64½	5½	21	34
(*573)	600	5½	27½	39	32½	47½	61
HSBC	650	51½	76	99	3	19	37
(*695½)	700	16½	46½	60½	19½	39½	62
Reuter	450	11½	—	—	10½	—	—
(*450)	462½	6	—	—	18	—	—

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	160	22	27	30	2	5	8½
(*178)	180	9	15	19½	9½	13	17

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	100	14	17	18½	4	6	7½
(*109½)	110	8	11	14	8	11	12½

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	750	38½	58	76	24½	40½	49½
(*759½)	800	17½	36	52½	54	68	77½

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	39½	51	61	12	19½	27
(*486)	500	17½	30	40	30½	37	46½
Scot Pwr	330	32½	39	47	10	16½	21
(*345½)	360	17	25	32½	26½	32½	36

October 10, 1994 Tot: 23655 Call: 8457 Put: 15198 FT-SE Call: 2327 Put: 9425
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3021.0	3058.0	3021.0	3057.0	11848
Previous open interest: 58061	Mar 95				3081.5	0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.40	93.46	93.38	93.43	33303
Previous open interest: 492765	Mar 95	92.52	92.66	92.52	92.63	29554
	Jun 95	91.87	91.99	91.87	91.97	9655
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94				94.01	0
Previous open interest: 4068	Mar 95				93.64	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.66	94.70	94.65	94.69	15516
Previous open interest: 701281	Mar 95	94.27	94.33	94.27	94.32	19485
Long Gilt	Dec 94	100-16	100-24	100-05	100-18	47326
Previous open interest: 97172	Mar 95				99-30	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	106.51	106.55	106.45	106.46	564
	Mar 95				105.71	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	88.52	89.12	88.46	89.06	93171
Previous open interest: 165056	Mar 95	87.94	88.40	87.94	88.33	325
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
Previous open interest:						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.64	93.69	93.64	93.67	1415
Previous open interest: 18387	Mar 95	93.08	93.18	93.06	93.15	1563
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.67	95.71	95.66	95.69	3279
Previous open interest: 43843	Mar 95	95.29	95.32	95.27	95.29	1591
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	97.70	98.25	97.35	98.14	24702
Previous open interest: 63751	Mar 95	96.90	97.25	96.90	97.38	322

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5¾. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5¹³⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5¾	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5²⁹⁄₃₂-5²⁷⁄₃₂	6⅛-6³⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	5½-5⅞	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₁₆-6¼	7⅛-7¼
Interbank:	5⅝-5⅞	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₁₆-6¼	7⅛-7¼

Overnight: open 5¼, close 6¼.

Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5⅞	6¼	7¼
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	6⁵⁄₁₆-6¼	7⅛-7¼
Dollar CDs:	5.13	n/a	5.54	5.79	6.29
Building Society CDs:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	6¼-6⅛	7⅛-7¼

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82%. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.578%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-4⅞	5⅝-5½	5¹³⁄₁₆-5⅝	4⅞-3¾
Deutschemark:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4⅞	5-4⅞	5⅛-5	5⅜-5¼	5-4
French Franc:	5⅛-5⅜	5⅝-5⅜	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	5⅜-4½
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3⅝	3¾-3⅝	4⅛-4⅛	4¼-4⅛	4⅛-3¼
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.60-392.00 Close: $390.60-391.10 High: $391.80-392.30
Low: $390.35-390.85 AM: $391.95 PM: $391.20
Krugerrand: $391.00-393.00 (£246.50-248.50)
Platinum: $417.10 (£263.25) Silver: $5.58 (£3.525) Palladium: $153.25 (£96.70)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 10	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7415-2.7505	2.7415-2.7449	½pr-par	½-¾pr
Brussels	50.43-50.58	50.48-50.58	4-1pr	10-4pr
Copenhagen	9.5770-9.6120	9.5770-9.5920	¼-⅜ds	¾-2ds
Dublin	1.0107-1.0148	1.0121-1.0148	4-1pr	8-2pr
Frankfurt	2.4514-2.4566	2.4514-2.4547	½pr-par	½-¾pr
Lisbon	249.81-251.31	250.66-251.31	90-110ds	240-280ds
Madrid	202.76-203.56	202.76-203.07	36-40ds	101-113ds
Milan	2491.40-2500.80	2496.80-2500.80	6-7ds	17-20ds
Montreal	2.1309-2.1387	2.1357-2.1387	0.13-0.04pr	0.20-0.10pr
New York	1.5826-1.5870	1.5860-1.5870	0.04-0.03pr	0.11-0.09pr
Oslo	10.6520-10.6800	10.6520-10.6680	⅞-ids	2⅞-3⅝ds
Paris	8.3780-8.3980	8.3830-8.3980	¼pr-¼ds	⅝-¼pr
Stockholm	11.6470-11.7310	11.6710-11.6950	1⅞-2⅝ds	5⅞-7ds
Tokyo	158.97-159.61	159.12-159.39	½-⅛pr	1½-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.26-17.32	17.28-17.32	1½-⅞pr	5-3pr
Zurich	2.0288-2.0360	2.0300-2.0330	⅜-⅛pr	1-⅞pr

Source: Extel
Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3539-1.3548
Austria	10.90-10.91
Belgium (Com)	31.87-31.88
Canada	1.3468-1.3473
Denmark	6.0580-6.0610
France	5.2917-5.2947
Germany	1.5490-1.5495
Hong Kong	7.7280-7.7285
Ireland	1.5647-1.5662
Italy	1574.25-1575.25
Japan	100.61-100.71
Malaysia	2.5670-2.5680
Netherlands	1.7352-1.7357
Norway	6.7352-6.7372
Portugal	158.16-158.26
Singapore	1.4844-1.4851
Spain	128.32-128.37
Sweden	7.3905-7.3980
Switzerland	1.2825-1.2835

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5805-1.5832
Australia dollar	2.1450-2.1471
Bahrain dinar	0.591-0.603
Brazil real*	1.3318-1.3360
Cyprus pound	0.742-0.752
Finland markka	7.492-7.608
Greece drachma	371.25-378.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.2435-12.2481
India rupee	49.19-50.15
Kuwait dinar KD	0.467-0.477
Malaysia ringgit	4.0666-4.0695
Mexico peso	5.33-5.43
New Zealand dollar	2.6146-2.6198
Pakistan rupee	48.03 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.882-6.008
Singapore dollar	2.3516-2.3534
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5869-6.6704
S Africa rand (com)	5.6622-5.6706
U A E dirham	5.7555-5.8795

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	139	Legal & Gn	813
ASDA Gp	6,500	Lloyds Bk	835
Abbey Natl	2,700	MEPC	553
Alld Dom	619	Marks Spr	2,300
Argyll Gp	1,100	NatWst Bk	2,800
Arjo Wiggn	843	Nat Power	1,600
AB Foods	29	Nth Wst W	88
BAA	2,600	P & O	1,400
BAT Inds	5,200	Pearson	1,200
BOC	178	PowerGen	2,800
BP	5,400	Prudential	1,700
BTR	6,300	RMC	326
BT	12,000	RTZ	1,800
Bk of Scot	143	Rank Org	381
Barclays	2,400	Reckitt Col	719
Bass	704	Redland	794
Blue Circle	1,700	Reed Intl	1,300
Boots	6,000	Rentokil	112
Bowater	876	Reuters	4,900
Brit Aero	605	Rolls Royce	613
Brit Airwys	3,100	Ryl Ins	1,300
Brit Gas	5,400	Ryl Bk Scot	1,000
Brit Steel	10,000	Sainsbury	1,800
Burmah Cast	299	Schroders	19
Cable Wire	6,000	Scot & New	502
Cadbury	960	Scot Power	1,800
Caradon	153	Sears	1,700
Carlton Cms	1,600	Svrn Trent	1,200
Cm Union	2,100	Shell Trans	3,300
Courtaulds	965	Siebe	3,800
De La Rue	284	SmKl Bch	2,200
Eastern Elec	3,600	Smith Nph	3,300
Enterpr Oil	1,400	Sthrn Elec	789
Forte	4,900	Std Chartd	1,200
GKN	993	Sun Allnce	3,600
GRE	1,900	TI Gp	1,700
GUS	936	TSB	1,800
Gen Acc	734	Tesco	2,700
Gen Elec	1,400	Thames W	1,000
Glaxo	2,100	Thrn EMI	164
Granada	272	Tomkins	3,500
Grand Met	2,600	Unilever	808
Guinness	2,500	Utd Bisc	636
HSBC	2,900	Vodafone	2,200
Hanson	5,000	Warburg (SG)	631
ICI	753	Wellcome	603
Inchcape	1,100	Whitbread	262
Kingfisher	664	Wllms Hld	1,000
Ladbroke	1,500	Wolseley	36
Land Secs	1,600	Zeneca	1,000

WALL STREET

	Oct 10 midday	Oct 7 close
AMP Inc	75¼	75¾
AMR Corp	49¾	49
AT & T	52¾	52
Abbott Labs	31	31
Aetna Life	47¾	47
Ahmanson (HF)	19¾	20
Air Prod & Chem	45	44¾
Alberson's	28¾	28¾
Alcan Alumnm	26¼	26½
Alco Standard	59¾	59
Allied Signal	34¼	33½
Alum Co of Am	84	84¾
Amax Gold Inc	7¼	7¾
Amerada Hess	47¼	48¼
Amer Brands	35½	35¾
Amer Cyanamid	99¾	99¾
Amer El Power	31½	31
Amer Express	30¾	29¾
Amer Genl Corp	28¾	28¾
Amer Home Pr	59¾	59¼
Amer Intl	89¾	89
Amer Stores	26	25¾
Ameritech	38¾	39
Amoco	59	58¾
Anheuser-Busch	50¾	50¾
Apple Computer	39⅝	37
Archer Daniels	25½	25¾
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	42¾	42⅞
Asarco	32½	32¾
Ashland Oil	36¾	36½
Atl Richfield	100	100¾
Auto Data Pro	55½	54¾
Avery Dennison	34¾	34¾
Avon Products	58¾	58¾
Baker Hughes	19¾	19
Baltim Gas & El	23¼	22¾
Banc One	29¾	29¾
BankAmerica	44¾	43½
Bank of NY	29¾	29¾
Bankers Tr NY	63¾	63¾
Barnett Banks	42	41½
Bausch & Lomb	38¾	38¾
Baxter Intl	27¾	27¾
Becton Dickson	46¾	46½
Bell Atlantic	50¾	51½
BellSouth	54½	54½
Black & Decker	21½	21½
Block (H&R)	45	45¾
Boeing	44	44
Boise Cascade	28¾	28¾
Borden Inc	13¾	13¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	56¾	56¾
Browning Ferris	30¾	30¾
Brunswick	20¾	20¾
Burlington Nthn	48¾	48¾
CBS	330¾	327¾
CNA Financial	62	61½
CPC Intl	50¾	50¾
CSX	66¾	66
Campbell Soup	39¾	39
Can Pacific	16½	16½
Cptl Cities ABC	81	81½
Carolina Pwr	26½	25¾
Caterpillar	53½	53½
Central & SW	22¾	22¾
Champion Intl	38¾	37¾
Chase Manhat	34¾	34
Chemical Bk	35¾	35¾
Chevron Corp	42¾	42¾
Chrysler	45¾	44¾
Chubb Corp	71½	70¾
Cigna Corp	60½	60½
Citicorp	42½	42¾
Clorox	52¾	52½
Coastal Corp	27½	27½
Coca Cola	48¾	48¾
Colgate-Palmolive	57¾	57¾
Columbia Gas	26½	26½
Compaq Comp	33¾	32½
Comp Ass Int	47½	46½
Conagra	29¾	30
Cons Edison	25	25
Cons Nat Gas	37¾	37½
Cons Rail	48¾	48¾
Cooper Inds	39¾	39¾
Corning Inc	32½	32
Crown Cork	37½	37¾
Dana Corp	26½	25½
Dayton Hudson	78¾	77¾
Deere	67¾	68¾
Delta Air Lines	43¾	43¾
Deluxe Corp	29¾	29¾
Detroit Edison	25¾	25½
Digital Equip	27¾	26¾
Dillard Dept St	25¾	25¾
Disney (Walt)	37¾	37½
Dominion Res	37¾	37
Donnelley (RR)	29¾	29¾
Dover Corp	55¾	55
Dow Chemical	74¾	74¾
Dow Jones	28¾	28¾
Dresser	20¾	20¾
Duke Power	38¾	38¾
Dun & Brdstreet	58¾	58¾
Du Pont	57¾	57¾
Eastman Kodak	51½	51½
Eaton Corp	47	46¾
Emerson Elec	58¾	58
Engelhard Corp	24¾	24¾
Enron Corp	29¾	29¾
Entergy	23	23
Ethyl Corp	11¼	11½
Exxon	58¾	58¾
FMC Corp	61½	60¾
FPL Group	32½	31½
Federal Express	62¾	62¾
Fed Nat Mtge	77¾	77
First Chicago	44¾	43½
First Interstate	80	79¾
First Union Rlty	7¾	7¾
Fleet Finl Grp	36¾	36¾
Fluor Corp	47¾	47¾
Ford Motor	28¾	27¾
GTE Corp	30¾	30¾
Gannett	47	47¾
Gap Inc Del	32¾	32¾
Gen Dynamics	43¾	44¾
Gen Electric	47¾	46¾
Gen Mills	56¾	56½
Gen Motors	45¾	43¾
Gen Reinsurance	108¾	109½
Gen Signal	33¾	33¾
Genuine Parts	35	34¾
Georgia Pac	75¾	73¾
Gillette	69¾	69¾
Glaxo ADR	18	18¾
Goodrich (BF)	41½	41½
Goodyear Tire	33¾	33
Grace (W&R)	40¾	39¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25¾	25½
Great Wstn Fin	18¾	18½
Halliburton	33	33
Harcourt General	34¾	34¾
Heinz (HJ)	36¾	36¾
Hercules	101½	100¾
Hershey Foods	45¾	45¾
Hewlett Packard	90	88¾
Hilton Hotels	57¾	57
Home Depot	42	41½
Homestake Mng	20¾	20¾
Honeywell	33¾	33¾
Household Intl	35¾	35¾
Houston Inds	34¾	34¾
Humana	23¾	23½
ITT Corp	82¾	81½
Illinois Tool	41½	41½
Ilinova	19¾	19¾
INCO	29¾	29¾
Ingersoll Rand	33¾	33¾
Inland Steel	38	38
Intel Corp	60¾	59⅝
IBM	71½	71½
Intl Flav & Fr	41½	40¾
Intl Paper	77¾	75¾
James River Va	22¾	22¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	51	50¾
Kellogg	57¾	56¾
Kerr-McGee	46½	46¾
Kimberly-Clark	57¾	57¾
Kmart	16¾	16¾
Knight-Ridder	49¾	49¾
Lilly (Eli)	57¾	58
Limited Inc	18¾	18¾
LIN Brdcstng	134½	135¾
Lincoln Nat	35¾	35¾
Litton	38	37¾
Liz Claiborne	23¾	23½
Lockheed	69¾	69¾
Louisiana Pac	31½	31½
MCI Comm	24¾	24⅝
Marriott Int	27¾	27¾
Marsh & McLan	75¾	75¾
Masco Corp	22¾	22½
May Dept St	38¾	38¾
Maytag Corp	15¾	15¾
McDonalds	28¾	28¾
McDonnell D	117¾	118¾
McGraw Hill	73½	73¾
Mead Corp	50¾	50
Medtronic	51½	51½
Mellon Bk	58¾	56½
Melville Corp	34¾	34¾
Merck Inc	36	36½
Merrill Lynch	34½	33¾
Minnesota Mine	53¾	53¾
Mobil Corp	79¾	79¾
Monsanto	76½	76¾
Morgan (JP)	60¾	60¾
Motorola Inc	51¼	50¾
Natl Medical	16½	16¾
Natl Semi	15	14¾
Natl Service Ind	28¾	28¾
Navistar Int	13	13¾
NBD Bancorp	28½	28¾
NY Times A	21¾	21¾
Newmont Mng	43¾	43¾
Niag Mohawk	13½	13¾
Nike B	60¾	60¾
NL Industries	10¾	10½
Noram Energy	6¾	6¾
Nordstrom	43	44
Norfolk Sthrn	61	61
Nthn States Pwr	42½	42
Norwest Corp	25¾	24¾
Nynex Corp	38¾	38¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	18¾	18¾
Oracle Systems	42¾	42¾
Ory Energy Co	14¾	14¾
Owens Corning	30¾	30¾
PNC Financial	25½	25½
PPG Industries	37¾	37¾
Paccar Inc	43¾	43¾
Pacificorp	17¾	17
Pac Enterprises	20¾	20¾
Pac Gas & Elect	21½	21½
Pac Telesis	30¾	30¾
Pall Corp	17¾	17¾
Panhandle East	22¾	22¾
Parker Hannifin	40¾	39¾
Peco Energy	25½	24¾
Penney (JC)	52½	52
Pennzoil	47¾	47½
Pepsico	32¾	32¾
Pfizer	69¾	69
Phelps Dodge	59¾	60¾
Philip Morris	59¾	59¾
Phillips Pet	34¾	34¾
Pitney Bowes	35¾	35¾
Polaroid	35¾	35¾
PriceCostco	16¾	16¾
Procter & Gmbl	60¾	59¾
Providian	30¾	30¾
Pub Serv E & G	26	25¾
Quaker Oats	74¾	74¾
Ralston Purina	40¾	40¾
Raychem Corp	41¾	41½
Raytheon	63¾	63¾
Reebok Intl	37¾	37
Reynolds Metals	54¾	53¾
Roadway Srves	53¾	53¾
Rockwell Intl	35	35¾
Rohm & Haas	57¾	57¾
Royal Dutch	109¾	108¾
Rubbermaid	25¾	25¾
Safeco Corp	50¾	50¾
St Paul's Cos	42¾	42
Salomon Inc	38¾	38¾
Santa Fe Pac	14¾	15¾
Sara Lee Corp	22¾	22¾
Seacorp	13¾	15¾
Schering Plough	70¾	70¾
Schlumberger	58½	58¾
Scott Paper	63¾	61½
Seagram	29¾	29¾
Sears Roebuck	47	46¾
Shell Trans	67¾	67¾
Sherwin Wllms	31	31
Skyline Corp	21	21½
Snap-On-Tools	34¾	34¾
Southern Co	18¾	18¾
Sthwestern Bell	40¾	41½
Sprint Corp	38	37¾
Stanley Works	40	40
Sun Company	30½	30¾
Sun Microsys	28¾	29¾
Sunrmrk	47	47
Supervalu	25¾	25½
Sysco Corp	24¾	24¾
TRW Inc	71½	71½
TCC Inds	3	3
Tandem Comp	16½	15¾
Tandy Corp	41½	42
Teledyne	16	16¾
Temple Inland	53¾	53¾
Tenneco	42¾	42¾
Texaco	61½	61½
Texas Inst	68¾	69¾
Texas Utilities	32¾	32¾
Textron	47¾	47¾
Time Warner	35¾	34¾
Times-Mirror	31¾	31½
Timken	37¾	37¾
Torchmark	42¾	42¾
Toys R Us	36¾	36¾
Transamerica	48	48¾
Travelers	32¾	31½
Tribune	53¾	53
Tyco Labs	45¾	45½
UST Inc	28¾	28¾
UAL	84	83¾
USX Marathon	17¾	17¾
Unicom	21½	21½
Unilever NV	112	111¾
Union Camp	48¾	48
Union Carbide	31½	31½
Union Pacific	49¾	48¾
Unisys Corp	11½	11½
USAIR Group	4¾	4¾
USF&G Corp	13¾	13¾
US Life	31½	31½
US West	38¾	38
United Tech	62¾	62½
Unocal Corp	28½	28
Upjohn	33¾	33
VF Corp	47½	47¾
WMX Tech	27¾	27¾
Wal-Mart Stores	23¾	23¾
Warner-Lambert	78½	78½
Wells Fargo	147¾	147¾
Westinghouse El	12¾	12¾
Weyerhaeuser	42¾	42
Whirlpool	51	51
Whitman	16¾	16¾
Winn Dixie	50¾	50½
Woolworth	17	17
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	40¾	39¾
Xerox	105¾	104¾
Yellow Corp	18⅝	18¾

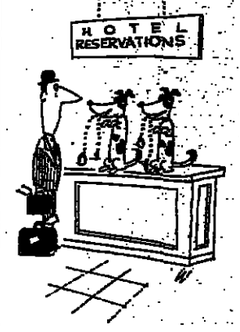
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Copper-bottom hangover

SPARE a thought tonight for the banqueting manager at the Grosvenor House Hotel, whose staff earlier in the day will have set places for 2,005 diners, laid 44,110 pieces of cutlery, crockery and glassware, polished 10,000 drinking glasses, organised 120 barmen, 240 food waiters, 75 wine butlers, overseen 28 cloakroom attendents, and tried to keep 40 chefs happy. Because if it's the second Tuesday in October, it must be the annual LME dinner — a highlight of Metals Week, and a function for which metal chiefs, who trade in every metal from aluminium to zirconium, cross the globe to attend. Chef will tonight serve a four-course dinner and 4,010 bread rolls. There will be 32 cocktail parties — each catering for hundreds, and by tomorrow morning, 22 washing-up staff and eight cleaners will have the Great Room back just as it was. Demand to attend the dinner is so great, even at £100 a head, that a further 1,000 diners are seated and fed at several surrounding Park Lane hotels, though everybody is linked to the Great Room by satellite. Two tips. Book your taxi early, and don't expect the LME copper contract to be lively tomorrow morning. Traditionally, the metal, too, has a hangover on the second Wednesday in October. P.S. If you would like to hire the Great Room, it costs £25,000 — empty.

Taking a lead

JET-SETTING executives visiting London who have "done" the theatre, opera, best night clubs and restaurants, who are bored with television and may be missing their dogs back home are offered a super recreation at The Washington Hotel, Curzon Street. They can "borrow" Hilda and Stanley, the general manager's dogs, to take for walkies — "no pedigree, but they know their way about Mayfair very well". Bookings via the hotel's reservations department. One day's notice. No charge . . . bring your own doggie scoop.



Creased up

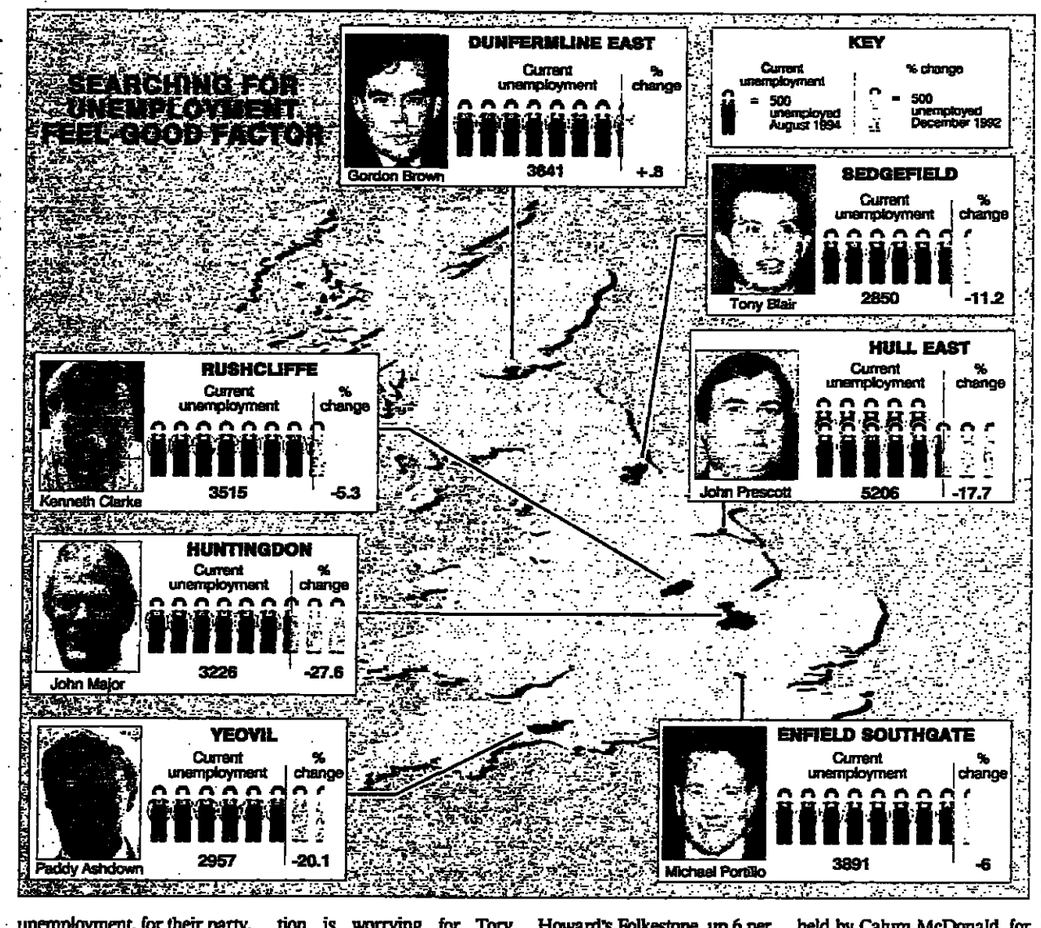
THESE are sticky times for Nigel Rowe, the corporate affairs director at BOC taking a year's sabbatical to compete in the BOC Challenge, the solo round the world yacht race he spawned 12 years ago. After winning the transatlantic feeder race from Plymouth to Charleston, Rowe is stuck in calms some 1,000 miles north of the Equator and has been struggling to make any impression on the leaders in the big event, who are now spread more than 900 miles ahead en route to Cape Town, the first port of call in this 27,000-mile circumnavigation. A friend put a case of champagne aboard Sky Catcher, his yacht, before the start. Yesterday, Rowe said he had seen little to celebrate until this weekend, although he added: "We are just about to cross a crease in the chart, which is reason enough wouldn't you say?"

NOTICE spotted at a supermarket checkout counter in Exeter. "This is an express line. You are allowed 15 items or less. The number 15 is not subject to negotiation".

COLIN CAMPBELL

Jigsaw of joblessness may leave Tories feeling good

Philip Bassett analyses local variations in the level of unemployment



When Michael Portillo rises tomorrow to make his debut speech as Employment Secretary to the Tory conference, he will not only have just announced the Government's latest unemployment figures, he will know, too, that after the anguish of the recession, the politics of unemployment are beginning to swing his party's way.

The latest job market analysis by *The Times* shows that unemployment is now falling twice as fast in Conservative parts of Britain as in Labour areas — and that could indicate, at last, the return of the economic "feel-good" factor *ministers have been seeking.*

Mr Portillo will not be slow tomorrow to focus on what ministers hope will be a further fall in the numbers out of work and claiming benefit, continuing the downward trend evident since unemployment peaked in December 1992.

Poll evidence suggests the level of unemployment, and especially its rate of change, are vital to people's economic and political confidence. The authoritative British General Election survey says that "the changing geography of voting between 1987 and 1992 was induced by the changing geography of unemployment".

If that is the case, Tory party managers can take comfort from the latest *Times* analysis of the political effects of unemployment; previous *Times* analyses were the first to show that, as the recession started to bite, unemployment was hitting political support in different ways. As job cuts hit white-collar workers for the first time, especially in the South, unemployment in Tory parts of Britain rose far more quickly than in Labour areas — five times as fast — though the level of unemployment was still higher in Labour areas.

After the first wave of job shedding, the rise in Tory-area unemployment started to slacken. Now, with the party conference season at its height and the recession unwinding, the politics of unemployment seem to be shifting again.

Using data held on government computers, the *Times* analysis examines current unemployment levels in each Parliamentary constituency and looks, too, at the change in unemployment in each one since seasonally adjusted unemployment began to fall in December 1992.

The main findings are that over the period, unemployment in Tory constituencies has fallen on average by 16.7 per cent. This is a third as much again as the overall drop in unemployment of 12.4 per cent, and is roughly twice the scale of the fall in Labour-held seats of 8.6 per cent. Unemployment in Liberal Democrat constituencies fell by more than the average at 13.5 per cent.

Average unemployment in Tory seats in August, the latest available figures, stood at 3,463, compared to 4,763 in Labour areas and 3,270 in Lib Dem constituencies.

Conservative and Labour seats with the highest and lowest unemployment levels in their parties are listed in the illustration, together with the figures for the leading politicians in each party. Among those politicians in areas of low unemployment, for their party, are Michael Heseltine (Henley), Douglas Hurd (Witney), and Sir Edward Heath (Old Bexley) for the Tories, and Tony Blair (Sedgefield), Neil Kinnock (Islwyn) and Peter Hain (Neath) for Labour.

Leading politicians in high party unemployment areas include Brian Mawhinney (Peterborough) and William Waldegrave (Bristol West) for the Tories, and Frank Dobson (Holborn), Harriet Harman (Peckham) and Diane Abbott (Hackney North) for Labour.

Though the overall rate of relative unemployment decline may well be better news for Conservative leaders, the impact of unemployment in Conservative heartlands is still strongly apparent. The figures clearly reflect how hard the recession hit the South East. For both Labour and the Tories, of the 25 seats in each party with the highest unemployment, 18 are in the South East. For the Tories they include two Brighton seats, Slough, and even Bournemouth East, in the very town where the party conference is taking place. Labour's, by contrast, are in traditional inner-city areas, including Tottenham, Hackney, Vauxhall, Hornsey, Lewisham and Brent.

The South East concentration is worrying for Tory managers, though it is eased by the fact that 12 of the party's seats with the lowest unemployment levels are also in the South East, whereas Labour's 25 lowest unemployment areas are in Wales, Scotland, the North and the North West.

The analysis yields a number of other surprising findings. The number of people out of work is higher in Glenda Jackson's Hampstead than in Peter Mandelson's Hartlepool — 6,191 to 6,082. For the Tories, unemployment is higher in Kensington at 5,166, than in Cleethorpes, Batley or Harlow.

But just as the fear of unemployment tends to be driven more by its rise than its level, so may the feel-good factor depend on the rate of unemployment fall.

Highly significant for the Conservatives is that, over the period December 1992-August 1994, 15 of the largest changes are in seats in the South East. They include Douglas Hurd's Witney, where unemployment is down 34.8 per cent, and the Prime Minister's Huntingdon, where it is 27.6 per cent lower.

The Tories' worst-performing seats in terms of unemployment change are Guildford and Aberdeen South, where unemployment is up by over 10 per cent, followed by Michael Howard's Folkestone, up 6 per cent. Significantly, though, over the period, unemployment has risen in only nine of all the Tories' 332 seats.

Labour is the party holding the seat which has seen the biggest fall — more than 50 per cent in John Marek's Wrexham constituency, while all three Stoke-on-Trent seats are in the best 25, and the West Midlands and North West in general have performed well.

The effects of industrial restructuring are clear, too, in Labour's worst-performing unemployment areas, headed by Doncaster Central, whose 84 per cent rise in claimant unemployed reflects strongly the effect of British Coal's pit closure programme, while the 9.5 per cent rise in shadow foreign secretary Jack Cunningham's Copeland constituency probably illustrates the completion of the Thorp reprocessing plant at Sellafield.

But such large-scale change is unusual. Among Labour's 25 worst performers over the period, the level of change is much lower, with increases clustered around the 6, 3 and 1 per cent marks. Even so, unlike the Tories', all the worst 25 have seen rises, including Margaret Beckett's Derby South at 37 per cent, Dennis Skinner's coal-dominated Bolsover at 15 per cent and Gordon Brown's Dunfermline East, which includes the Rosyth dockyard, where unemployment has risen 0.8 per cent.

For the Lib Dems, their current unemployment black spot list is unsurprisingly headed by the inner-city constituency of Southwark, in London, and Liverpool's Mossley Hill, while three of their biggest falls, perhaps significantly, are in the South East seats they took from Conservatives in by-elections: Eastleigh (down 36 per cent), Newbury (29 per cent) and Christchurch (28 per cent), which may reinforce the notion that they will revert to the Tories at the general election.

In a number of areas there is an overlap, where unemployment is both relatively low and markedly improved — in Labour's Western Isles seat, held by Calum McDonald, for instance, which at 1,601 has the lowest Labour unemployment in Britain (admittedly in an usually small seat) and where the number of people out of work has fallen over the period by 18 per cent. Or Conservative Mole Valley, held by Kenneth Baker, which is, at 1,802, the Tories' fifth-lowest unemployment constituency and where unemployment has fallen 29 per cent over the period.

Especially at a time, such as now, when the labour market's complexities seem to many commentators all but inexplicable — unemployment is going down while the number of jobs is still falling — mixing the swirl of politics into readings of unemployment is a difficult business.

But it is clear from the *Times* analysis that the one-way political ticket which Labour judged unemployment to be, especially before the last election, is now changing.

Unemployment continues to be a sensitive political issue for the Conservatives. But, while the search by ministers for the economic feel-good factor is still on, unemployment, long a central issue to voter confidence, looks as though it is becoming less of a thorn in the Government's side.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE TORIES

	Total unemployed
CONSERVATIVE LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT	
1 Ribble Valley	1,472
2 W'morland/Lonsdale	1,668
3 Fylde	1,695
4 Buckingham	1,788
5 Mole Valley	1,802
6 Esher	1,820
7 East Surrey	1,832
8 Kircardine/Deeside	1,846
9 Hexham	1,928
10 Beaconsfield	1,991
CONSERVATIVE HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT	
1 Westminster North	7,232
2 Battersea	6,614
3 Peterborough	6,491
4 Portsmouth South	6,490
5 Bristol West	6,210
6 Brighton Pavilion	6,022
7 Brighton Kemptown	5,965
8 Luton South	5,933
9 Edmonton	5,778
10 Lincoln	5,730

	Total unemployed
LABOUR LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT	
1 Western Isles	1,601
2 Hyndburn	2,279
3 Islwyn	2,397
4 Renfrew W/Inverclyde	2,417
5 Aberavon	2,471
6 Neath	2,561
7 Gower	2,598
8 Glasgow Cathcart	2,607
9 Clwyd South West	2,647
10 Alyn and Deeside	2,751
LABOUR HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT	
1 Tottenham	12,379
2 Hackney N/Stoke N'ton	10,515
3 Hackney S/Shoreditch	10,457
4 Vauxhall	9,583
5 Hornsey/Wood Green	8,982
6 Islington North	8,966
7 Nottingham East	8,623
8 Norwood	8,543
9 Lewisham Deptford	8,354
10 Holborn/St Pancras	8,310

BR timetable for break-up is still on track

Ross Tieman finds that by the end of next year a third of BR staff and £2bn turnover are likely to have gone private

The marketing men at ScotRail have launched a campaign to "do a Lucozade" on travel by train. With three months of disruption finally over, they hope to make rail travel fashionable, matching the marketing miracle that turned a drink for invalids into a muscle fuel for would-be Linford Christies.

InterCity, in a parallel move, has launched a free ticket campaign in a drive to woo back lost customers. The 25 companies that now run the trains on British Rail realise that they can't rely on suing Railtrack to replace the £90 million they lost during the strike. To get back into the black, they need not just to win back the old customers, but to recruit new ones, too.

Nimble salesmanship of this kind is just what rail privatisation is supposed to achieve. Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, must approve. When he addresses the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth today, Mr Mawhinney will be hard pressed to portray the rail strike, or its settlement, as a victory. But he will, if he chooses, be able to detail much progress towards the privatisation of British Rail. For, with minimal fuss and bother, the piecemeal sale of Britain's railways is gathering pace. By the end of next year, perhaps a third of British Rail's 110,000 staff, and more than £2 billion of turnover, are likely to have been transferred to the private sector. By the next election, Railtrack, the track and signals company at the heart of the rail network, and more than half of the train operating companies, may well have joined them there.

When you call British Rail's head office in Eversholt Street, London, *the switchboard operator replies, "Rail Businesses".* And well she might. For British Rail has now been split into more than 60 separate operations. And at the centre is the Vendor Unit, charged with selling them all.

Privatisation of Freightliner, which hauls containers between Britain's leading ports and inland freight terminals, is well advanced. Talks are underway with a shortlist of three bidders. A second shortlist of four bidders has been compiled for Red Star, the express parcels operation. Work is also well advanced on the sale of the seven train maintenance workshops that make up British Rail Maintenance Limited. With a combined £170 million turnover and some 3,800 employees, these are being offered for sale either individually, or in batches.

A huge restructuring of British Rail's infrastructure services is well under way. These operations, and their 30,000 employees, earn £1 billion a year from maintaining and renewing Railtrack's tracks and signalling equipment. They have been split into seven maintenance units, six track renewal concerns and seven design offices. Bids will be invited in April.

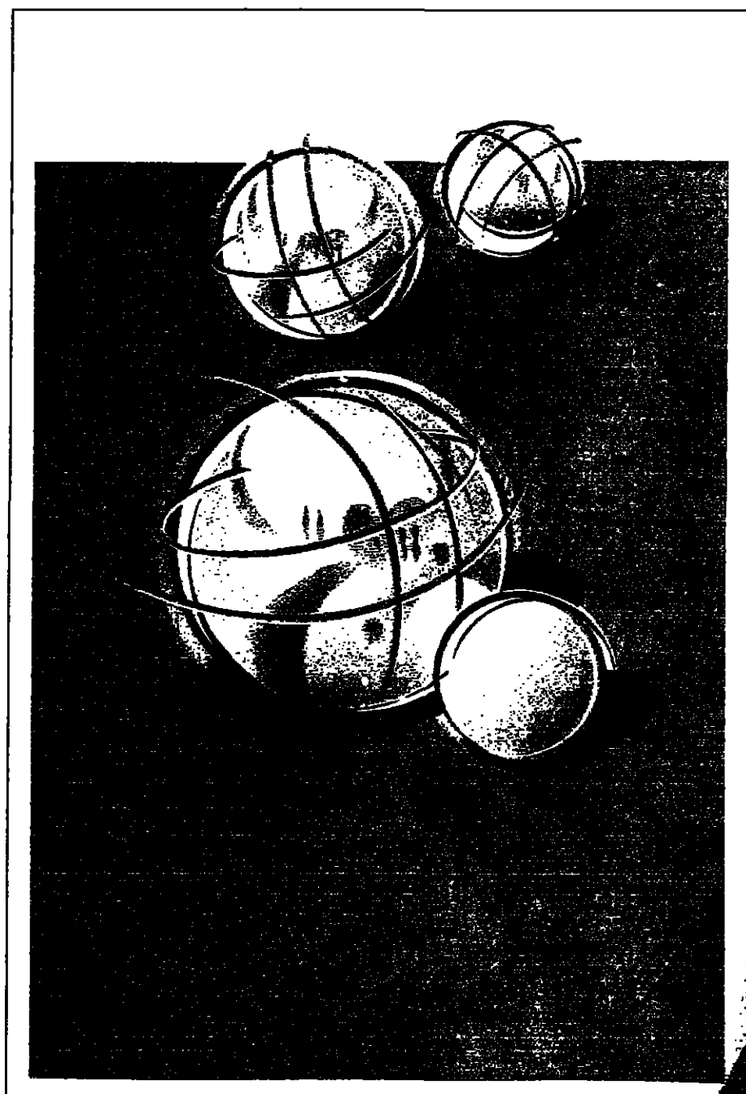
Another plum for the private sector is BR Telecoms, Britain's biggest private phone network with annual sales of £120 million. Its trackside fibre optic cables offer considerable spare capacity between Britain's cities. Advisers are looking at how best to manage the sale.

> Operators need not just to win back their old customers but to recruit new ones

Other advisers are pondering how to float the three rolling stock companies, Eversholt, Angel and Porterbrook, with their £1 billion-plus lease book of locomotives and coaches. The first six shadow franchises are earmarked for sale in the middle of next year, with a further seven put out to bid by December making 13, more than half the total.

And then there is Railtrack. Not an easy business to sell, but the legislation is in place, if the Government really means to push ahead. By the time of the next election, Labour's conference commitment to continued *state ownership may* be looking rather stale. But if Labour's stock stays high in the opinion polls, would-be purchasers will face a political risk.

Contracts between the businesses can offer some protection to buyers. But the threat of re-nationalisation, or stifling regulation, will linger beneath the new marketing fizz.



Vive la différence

BUSINESS LETTERS

Troublesome spin-off at Bryn Titli

From Mr Robert Woodward

Sir, Presumably The Body Shop hopes to restore its green reputation with Anita Roddick's high-profile opening of the Bryn Titli wind farm. Like a number of things that are cleverly marketed under the green ticket, however, wind is not as green as it seems.

This wind farm degrades one of the most spectacularly beautiful landscapes of the Wye Valley with its vast turbines the height of 20-storey office blocks. Local planning officials and the Council for the Protection of Rural Wales opposed it.

It is, moreover, within the breeding and foraging terrain of the rare red kites and hen harriers. At Tarifa in Spain birds of 13 species protected under the EU law have been killed by wind turbines, including red kites.

Wind energy enthusiasts talk of generating 10 per cent of our electricity from wind. That would reduce global emissions of CO_2 by 0.1 per cent and have no measurable effect on global warming. China and India are likely in the next 20 years to burn more fossil fuel than the UK has in its entire history. Wind energy in the UK is a tragic and irrelevant side show which is destroying our least industrialised landscapes.

It does, however, make mega-bucks for organisations like The Body Shop: the wind farm at Bryn Titli receives huge subsidies from the consumer through the Non-Fossil Fuel Order levy, selling its electricity at more than four times the price of conventionally generated electricity.

Yours faithfully,
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Full employment can be achieved

From Mr Bob Harrison

Sir, Graham Searjeant, in his analysis of the difficulties facing politicians seeking to restore full employment (October 3), omits any reference to the policies which generated and sustained full employment in many developed economies for from three to five decades.

Sustained high levels of demand and public investment, with low real interest rates and flexible, competitive exchange rates, were key elements in macro-economic policy which gave the great majority of the people in these economies the best period ever in terms of rising prosperity, social security and welfare, redistribution of wealth and general well-being.

His omission infers some sympathy with, or acceptance of, the views of the economists and politicians who, from 1978/79 to date, have inflicted monetarist policies on the nation. Policies which have given us record levels of high unemployment, worsening poverty, diminished social security and welfare, shrunken manufacturing capacity — as well as record levels of PSBR, deficit in the balance of payments, and exchange-rate crises.

Full employment is no illusion or impossible dream. It has been, and can be regenerated and sustained by economic policies which maintain the necessary levels of demand and investment.

Unemployment is not due to any act of god, or bad luck. It is created by policies which put price stability and the interests of asset holders above the well-being of working people and their families.

Yours faithfully,
BOB HARRISON
(Founder director of the Full Employment Forum — to May 1994),
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Watford, Hertfordshire.

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Grofund Equity	227.90	241.10	+ 1.60	1.15
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Grofund Expt Sit	110.90	114.40		2.05
Grofund Gilt	70.72	72.65	- 0.55	7.51
Grofund Japan	174.20	183.70	- 0.10	..

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General Acc	507.70	540.27	+ 4.51	2.65
General Inc	447.70	476.30	+ 3.97	2.65
Uk Growth Acc	242.40	258.20	+ 2.94	2.12
Uk Growth Inc	232.20	247.30	+ 2.69	2.12
Higher Inc Acc	241.10	256.80	+ 12.50	4.61
Higher Inc Inc	230.60	245.50	+ 11.90	4.61
Gilts+Fixd Int Acc	117.40	124.90	+ 1.10	8.22
Gilts+Fixd Int Inc	96.10	102.30	+ 0.90	8.22
Nth America	241.10	256.80	+ 2.67	0.13
Far East	164.20	174.80	+ 1.80	..
Europe	298.60	317.90	+ 0.44	1.03
Brit Excell	97.68	103.90	+ 1.02	5.17
Brit Findrnls Acc	98.99	105.30	+ 1.04	5.17
Brit Findrnls Inc	70.57	75.10	+ 0.74	5.17
Global Opps	89.35	95.10	+ 0.94	0.61
Balanced Acc	91.17	97.00	+ 0.71	2.49
Balanced Inc	80.73	85.90	+ 0.63	2.49

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High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	128.20	136.40	+ 0.90	8.22
High Inc Equity	165.10	176.10	+ 1.30	4.61
Worldwide Bond	259.40	275.60	+ 0.70	5.90
Capital Growth				
American Growth	233.20	251.60	+ 2.10	..
Asian Pacific	145.40	154.70	+ 0.90	..
Assets & Earnings	245.60	261.40	+ 2.00	..
Comdty & Energy	121.40	129.10	+ 0.20	..
Euro Capital Inc	124.30	132.20	+ 0.20	..
General	211.20	224.60	+ 2.00	..
Japan	129.20	137.40	+ 0.20	..
Masterfund	137.30	146.10	+ 0.80	..
UK Growth Inc	116.40	123.70	+ 0.90	..
US Emerging Cos	125.40	133.40	+ 0.30	..
Income & Growth	162.30	172.60	+ 1.20	3.24
Ethical	99.20	105.40	+ 0.74	2.84
International	115.20	122.60	+ 0.50	..
Dividend & Growth	98.10	104.30	+ 0.72	..
Global Growth & Inc	97.70	103.90	+ 0.72	..

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UK Small Cos	116.35	617.90		

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Aberdeen Portfolio	95.31	99.43	- 0.49	3.65
Amer Inc & Growth	41.77	44.17	+ 0.22	0.77
Cash	50.19	50.19	+ 0.01	4.46
European	102.50	107.40	+ 0.50	..
Exempt	96.20	100.75	+ 0.50	7.71
Extra Income	46.28	52.66	+ 0.31	6.91
Far East Emg Ecn	116.90	126.40	+ 1.30	0.50
Fixed Interest	91.77	96.17	+ 0.44	7.72
Fund Inv Tst	127.30	133.40	+ 0.61	6.91
Japan	157.80	166.50	+ 0.53	..
Latin American	73.61	77.50	+ 0.39	0.43
Pacific	108.10	115.00		0.75
UK Smlr Cos	99.86	93.04	- 0.05	0.92
Japan Fd	758.00	790.00	+ 1.00	..
Mngd Fd	163.90	174.40	+ 1.90	3.10

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Capital Gwth 105.60 111.20 2.40
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Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	327.50	341.10	+ 3.30	3.92
European Bd Inc	*87.15*	*90.21*	+ *0.10*	*9.21*
Exempt	70.08	74.94	+ 0.75	7.41
Financial	68.13	72.87	+ 0.76	2.65
500.0	427.70	457.40	+ 0.90	2.30
General	*253.20*	*271.00*	+ *2.60*	*2.75*
Property	250.10	267.50	..	5.99
Trustee	170.60	182.50	+ 1.60	2.43
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.10	100.10	+ 0.10	4.67
Extra Income	109.40	117.07	+ 1.10	4.29
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.20	57.07	+ 0.19	9.72
Income	485.10	529.50	+ 4.90	4.23
Income Builder	99.51	83.31	+ 0.43	4.95
Intl Income	61.41	65.33	+ 0.39	3.64
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	110.00	117.40	+ 1.30	2.73
Leisure	113.50	121.20	+ 0.60	1.20
Recovery	388.20	415.20	+ 4.30	2.57
Smlr Cos Inc	40.96	43.82	+ 0.04	1.65
Special Sits	261.80	279.80	+ 2.60	1.91
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	121.00	128.40	+ 1.10	0.65
Aust Asc	242.90	258.40	+ 2.50	0.41
Aust Inc	151.00	161.10	+ 1.60	2.94
Euro Gwth Inc	139.90	148.50	+ 0.20	0.64
Japan & Gen Inc	185.60	196.60	+ 0.20	..
Japan Spec Sits	86.51	91.64	+ 0.10	..
Univ Tech Inc	79.86	84.65	+ 0.23	0.21
Worldwide	166.10	176.30	+ 1.10	0.90

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American Growth	*89.37*	*95.78*	+ *1.20*	..
Amer Smlr Cos	121.40	130.50	+ 1.30	..
Cash Trust	50.13	50.17	- 0.01	4.10
Convertibles	53.05	57.73*	+ 0.20	5.40
Eastern	280.00	308.30	+ 0.90	0.10
Equity Income	94.78	101.70	+ 0.80	4.80
European Growth	209.40	223.20	+ 2.60	0.63
Europe	209.40	223.20	+ 2.60	0.63
German Growth	88.04	92.37	+ 1.23	0.10
Global Bond	60.36	63.89	+ 0.24	4.90
Global Growth	120.80	129.20	+ 1.10	..
Japan Growth	210.90	225.10	+ 0.10	..
Japan Sunrise	185.50	197.40	+ 0.20	..
Korea Trust	86.62	92.25	+ 0.62	..
Portfolio	126.60	135.90	+ 1.30	1.08
UK Growth	81.98	87.21	+ 0.56	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	85.08	90.99	+ 0.02	1.50
Select Managers	71.46	76.58	+ 0.52	1.10

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Ind Gwth Port Inc	74.49	79.24	..	..
Special Oppor Inc	94.29	97.76	..	..

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Special Sits	170.40	182.20	+ 0.90	1.44
Dividend	80.09	85.60	+ 1.11	3.90
Int Gilt & Inc	*206.90*	*279.10*	+ *0.90*	*2.79*
UK & Gen	91.72	94.63	+ 0.69	1.52
Fund of Funds	82.62	88.97*	- 0.29	..

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041 223 6028

Balanced Growth	100.03	106.49*	+ 1.03	1.79
Smaller Cos	*98.99*	*104.75*	+ *0.17*	*1.37*
Higher Yield	42.05	44.50*	+ 0.41	3.81
American Gth Inc	67.97	71.93	+ 0.21	..
European Growth	127.34	134.64*	+ 0.76	0.05
Global Bond Inc	*29.69*	*27.13*	+ *0.15*	*8.52*
Mngd Pfolio Inc	40.68	43.03*	+ 0.28	1.09
Inc Spec Opps	113.28	119.87	- 0.38	0.44
Pacific Grth	132.41	140.14	+ 0.82	..
Formerly LAS				
UK General	71.85	76.03	- 0.56	2.09
Japan	65.08	68.86	- 0.14	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	92.18	94.07*	+ 0.66	6.29

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Environ	144.50	153.80	- 0.61	1.21
Uk Growth	155.10	166.00	+ 1.50	2.80
Uk Income	123.30	131.20*	+ 1.30	4.63

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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Can Gen Dist	177.10	187.20	+ 2.70	2.11
Can Income Dist	103.00	109.20	+ 1.50	4.54
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.44	40.75	+ 0.43	8.68

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United Cap Inc	74.15	79.46*	+ 0.30	0.40
Smaller Cos Gwth	77.13	82.11*	+ 0.08	1.91
Growth	204.20	219.50*	+ 0.30	2.40
Income & Growth	354.10	406.70	+ 5.90	4.06
Japan Growth	74.30	79.63	- 0.18	..
Managed Portfolio	£100.42	£104.39*	+0.00	1.95
Special Sits	80.16	86.24	+ 1.40	2.39
High Yld	112.40	612.54	+20.00	4.51

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American Gwth Tst	74.00	*76.30*	+ 0.09	0.28
Co's Income	42.97	42.96	+ 0.02	5.19
European Gwth	37.48	40.33	+ 0.06	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	28.46	30.27	+ 0.34	4.58
Intnl Gwth	26.84	28.61	+ 0.30	0.13
Japan Gwth	*29.74*	*30.17*	+ *0.03*	..
Managed Intl	262.70	279.90	+ 2.00	..
Money Builder	51.54	54.27	+ 0.27	..
Recovery	46.26	49.10	+ 0.39	..
South E Asia	151.00	161.10*	+ 0.20	..
Special Sits	495.30	526.70*	+ 5.90	..
Specialist Fund				
Cash Account Units	106.73	106.73	- 0.03	4.50

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Intl Growth	131.34	142.97	..	..
UK Income	104.60	113.41	..	5.200

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Amer Gwth Inc	90.90	96.70	..	2.35
Bus & Tech	25.72	28.07	..	..
Capital Gwth Inc	150.70	159.70	..	..
Cty Fin Smlr Cos	99.59	71.10*	- 0.15	1.11
Cty Fin America	95.57	101.70	..	..
Cty Fin Intnl	75.54	79.52	..	0.49
Cty Fin Japan	173.21	182.64	..	..
Financial Inc Opp	25.06	27.50	- 0.10	1.54
Extra Income	142.17	149.87	+ 1.20	7.83
Pacific	98.47	103.80	..	0.08
Portfolio With Gilt	72.72	142.29*	..	..
Extra Inc & Gilt	131.71	146.05	..	1.03
Gilt Fin Ultra Inc	57.09	59.45	..	4.36

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Asia Managed Gwth	35.64	38.09	+ 0.56	0.55
Dragon Growth	71.45	78.96	+ 0.76	0.28
Europe High Inc	97.75	103.85*	+ 1.19	4.12
European Gwth	42.71	50.76	+ 0.62	0.69
Extra Inc	28.10	30.15	+ 0.23	..
General Equity	78.00	82.76	+ 1.25	2.65
Gilt + Fxd Int Inc	57.20	60.72	+ 0.25	8.36
Japan Growth	55.13	56.82	- 0.06	..
Pacific Growth	45.00	50.75	+ 0.58	2.72
Pension Managed	78.00	82.80	+ 1.11	1.11
Pension Gilt Inc	30.01	31.93	+ 0.06	7.11
Retirement Managed	24.95	26.50	+ 0.35	2.60
Specialist	94.10	99.90	+ 0.44	1.14
Unit Growth	46.04	48.96	+ 0.44	1.14

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Capital	92.69	96.87*	+ 1.09	2.36
Income	56.77	60.71*	+ 0.87	4.35

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Income Fund:				
Equity Inc	145.57	155.03*	+ 2.09	5.67
Fixed Int Convertible	36.25	40.69*	+ 0.17	2.74
Monthly Inc Plus	46.31	49.27	+ 0.19	9.09
Preference share	44.75	47.84*	+ 0.11	7.70
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	116.04	123.89*	+ 1.04	7.52
Managed Fund	60.90	64.87*	+ 0.90	2.62
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.23	40.67	+ 0.01	1.67
UK & General	72.93	77.59*	+ 1.52	2.47
UK Growth	130.97	139.33	+ 2.94	2.45
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	179.46	190.91	+ 4.05	0.26
Far Eastern Gwth	130.87	145.61	+ 2.55	..
Global Bond	71.63	75.37*	+ 0.35	6.59
Japan Growth	126.10	134.15	+ 0.02	..
North Amer Gwth	145.38	157.45	+ 1.62	..
Oriental Growth	77.93	92.90	+ 0.03	..
Worldwide Growth	ot 11	65.01*	+ 0.60	0.08
OTHER CU TST STS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.21	91.51*	+ 0.02	4.84
Homeowner Fund	73.60	78.30	+ 0.53	1.92
Quilter Fund	121.91	129.69	+ 2.05	2.02

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Growth Inc	95.36	98.89	+ 0.86	3.00
High Income	31.65	33.67*	+ 0.41	4.70
Japan	36.74	39.08	+ 0.02	..
Smaller Cos Inc	39.69	31.59	+ 0.04	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.15	33.13	+ 0.05	2.40
North American	31.27	33.26	+ 0.33	0.40
European	35.01	37.24	+ 0.63	0.40

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Growth	47.79	51.11	+ 0.78	1.84
Income	52.25	61.23	+ 0.82	2.88
Far East	56.34	60.26	+ 0.11	..
North American	64.10	90.43	+ 2.05	..
Global	90.21	96.48	+ 1.06	0.10
European	83.08	88.86	+ 0.99	0.31
Japan	113.20	121.10*	+ 1.00	..
Japan Trust	131.70	140.80	+ 0.00	..
Pacific	558.40	596.50	- 1.80	..
Guardhill	457.00	488.20	+ 5.10	2.09

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Intl Growth	69.73	74.15		1.21
Investment Trust	95.84	101.97	+ 0.24	..
Uk Smaller Cos	74.92	79.70	+ 0.25	1.35

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5900

American Growth	51.44	54.95	- 0.70	..
Accum Units	51.44	54.95	- 0.70	..
Amer Smlr Cos	428.80	466.20*	+ 4.30	..
Accum Units	428.80	466.20*	+ 4.30	..
Cont Smlr Cos	298.00	316.90*	- 0.70	1.57
Accum Units	425.40	452.50	+ 1.10	1.57
Cont Smlr Cos	58.71	60.81	+ 0.06	0.57
Accum Units	58.39	63.94	+ 0.08	0.57
Convertible Cos	126.50	134.50	+ 0.20	4.58
Accum Units	349.60	365.40	+ 1.90	5.55
Emerging Markets	89.24	95.83	- 0.05	..
Accum Units	89.41	95.90	+ 0.08	..
European	113.20	120.40	+ 1.60	..
Accum Units	113.60	120.80	+ 1.60	..
Extra Income	315.40	335.40	+ 2.70	3.98
Accum Units	466.70	496.40	+ 4.10	3.98
Financial	115.10	124.00	+ 0.90	0.22
Accum Units	121.20	130.50	+ 0.80	0.22
Gilt Trust	94.31	97.16	+ 0.38	..
Accum Units	82.93	88.42	+ 0.56	6.24
Health Fund Inc	121.80	130.10	+ 1.20	..
Accum Units	121.80	130.10	+ 1.20	..
Income & Growth	182.30	193.90	+ 1.80	3.26
Accum Units	183.20	194.80	+ 1.80	3.25
Intl Growth	345.20	369.40	+ 2.20	..
Accum Units	353.90	410.20	+ 2.50	..
Japan & Gen	185.90	198.10	+ 0.90	..
Accum Units	187.80	201.10	+ 0.90	..
Managed Port Inc	101.40	108.10	+ 0.60	1.50
Accum Units	106.40	112.00	+ 0.60	1.50
Monthly Income	155.40	165.30	+ 1.10	4.02
Quarterly Income	50.54	53.76	+ 0.35	4.54
Accum Units	53.25	56.64	+ 0.36	4.54
Recovery	334.10	357.20	+ 1.70	1.64
Accum Units	393.30	420.50	+ 1.20	0.11
Uk Growth	49.24	52.58	+ 0.64	2.95
Accum Units	50.93	54.38	+ 0.66	2.95

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FP Equity Dist	361.00	354.00	+ 5.00	3.17
-do- Accum	361.00	401.26	+ 10.80	3.17
FP Euro Gth Dist	130.90	139.20	+ 0.30	0.29
-do- Accum	*136.40*	*145.10*	+ *0.20*	*0.29*
FP Fixed Int Dist	126.20	133.40*	+ 0.80	7.31
-do- Accum	228.40	241.50*	+ 1.50	7.31
FP Intl Gth Dist	84.90	90.54	+ 0.25	0.53
-do- Accum	93.60	99.79	+ 0.31	0.53
FP Nth Amer Dist	176.30	186.70	+ 1.20	0.86
-do- Accum	193.30	204.70	+ 1.20	0.86
FP Pac Basin Dist	313.90	333.80	+ 0.50	0.06
-do- Accum	313.90	333.80	+ 0.50	0.06
Stewardship Dist	334.80	334.80	+ 1.30	2.13
-do- Accum	380.70	405.00	+ 1.60	2.13
Stwrdship Inc Dist	69.71	74.15	+ 0.26	3.72
-do- Accum	69.07	94.75	+ 0.33	3.72
N Am Stwrd Dist	94.90	100.60	+ 0.40	0.64
-do- Accum	100.30	106.70	+ 0.80	0.64
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	103.40	110.00	- 0.30	0.90
Open Cap Gth Inc	107.10	113.90	- 0.40	0.00
Cap Gth Inc Inc	101.30	105.60	- 0.30	1.75
Cap Gth Inc Acc	100.90	107.30	- 0.30	1.75
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	101.30	107.70	- 0.30	1.69
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	102.80	109.30	- 0.20	1.69
NM Unit Trusts				
American	41.21	43.84	- 0.56	1.45
Australian	316.80	339.90	+ 4.80	0.0
Conscience	68.06	73.59	+ 0.51	0.44
European	188.20	200.20	+ 3.80	0.67
Extra Income	67.96	72.57	+ 0.81	6.12
Gilt & Fi	54.57	57.59	+ 0.41	6.44
Gold	*56.71*	*60.97*	+ *0.14*	*0.0*
Income	51.71	55.15	+ 0.75	4.03
Intnl	31.79	33.92	+ 0.19	0.63
Jap Smaller Cos	390.80	416.80	+ 4.20	0.0
Slng & Malaysian	*263.30*	*282.30*	+ *7.10*	*0.0*
Smaller Cos	29.39	31.60	+ 0.05	0.59
Special Sits	34.17	36.74*	+ 0.81	1.87
Sterling Deposit	100.30	100.30*	..	4.80
Tokyo	90.59	96.62	- 0.08	0.0
UK Equity	163.80	174.70	+ 1.30	2.22
US Smaller Cos	107.90	115.30	+ 1.50	0.0

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 Whittle Hurst Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5900

High Inc Eqty	45.63	48.54	+ 0.73	3.47
-do- Inv Tst Inc	73.95	78.67*	- 0.12	4.19
Intl Growth	69.73	74.19		1.21
Investment Trust	95.84	101.97	+ 0.24	..
Uk Smaller Cos	74.92	79.70	+ 0.25	1.35

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 6300

American Growth	51.44	54.95	- 0.70	..
Accum Units	51.44	54.95	- 0.70	..
Amer Smlr Cos	428.80	466.20*	+ 4.30	..
Accum Units	428.80	466.20*	+ 4.30	..
Cont Smlr Cos	298.00	316.90*	- 0.70	1.57
Accum Units	425.40	452.50	+ 1.10	1.57
Cont Smlr Cos	58.71	60.81	+ 0.06	0.57
Accum Units	58.39	63.94	+ 0.08	0.57
Convertible Cos	126.50	134.50	+ 0.20	4.58
Accum Units	349.60	365.40	+ 1.90	5.55
Emerging Markets	89.24	95.83	- 0.05	..
Accum Units	89.41	95.90	+ 0.08	..
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GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 257, York, YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7

GANDA	223.10	235.90	+ 2.60	2.50
Cash	49.57	50.31	+ 0.01	3.77
Growth Portfolio	75.41	79.93	+ 0.29	0.73
Income Portfolio	69.57	64.05	+ 0.53	4.61

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall,
London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567
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Amer Spec Sits	167.30	179.00	+ 0.80	..
European	529.30	566.10	+ 3.70	0.48
Far East & Gen	287.10	307.10	+ 1.60	..
Germany	115.00	121.60*	+ 2.30	..
Income Inc	142.50	152.40*	+ 0.80	4.62
International	535.30	558.50	+ 0.70	0.17
Intl Income	76.85	81.66	+ 0.93	4.23
Japan & General	412.80	439.00	+ 1.50	..
Korean Securities	78.75	84.21	+ 0.13	..
Smlr Cos Fund Inc	36.17	38.71	+ 0.07	2.26
UK Capital (Inc)	161.50	172.80	+ 0.60	1.01
UK Spec Sits	81.20	86.85*	+ 0.13	0.65
US & General	129.50	137.80	+ 1.00	..
Worldw Spec Sits	159.40	164.00	+ 1.40	..

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UK Growth Funds

British Growth	44.70	47.81	+ 0.61	2.41
Cash Trust	134.83	134.83	+ 0.03	4.52
Practical Inv Inc	109.83	117.47*	+ 0.58	3.25
UK Index	138.30	140.67*	+ 2.26	3.25
UK Smaller Cos	112.98	120.89*	+ 0.03	1.05
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.82	25.48	..	9.46
High Income	31.74	33.95	+ 0.59	6.13
UK Equity Income	129.43	138.43*	+ 2.54	3.86
Global Bond	*26.00*	*27.64**	+ *0.22*	*5.21*
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	58.83	62.92*	- 0.08	..
Global Inc & Gth	130.24	139.56*	+ 2.78	1.68
Gold & Int Res	123.68	132.28	+ 1.45	..
Global Utilities	130.64	139.72	+ 2.48	0.85
Overseas Funds				
American	132.75	142.00	+ 1.50	0.92
European	92.20	97.83	+ 1.77	0.98
Euro Sel Opps	130.96	139.66	+ 1.75	..
Amer Emerging	92.24	98.69	+ 0.90	..
Hong Kong	141.93	151.80	+ 0.29	1.34
Japan	250.52	266.38	+ 0.26	..
Pacific Growth	228.68	244.58	- 0.17	1.18
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	203.09	203.09	+ 2.39	1.95
Long Term Bal	220.49	220.49*	+ 2.60	2.40
Med Term Bal	*185.81*	*185.81**	+ *1.85*	*3.24*
UK Equity	253.93	253.93	+ 3.96	2.16
UK Emerging Cos	124.05	134.05	+ 1.24	2.15
American	217.49	217.49*	+ 2.16	1.35
Japan	132.72	133.17*	+ 0.65	..
Index Linked Gilt	161.53	161.53	+ 0.15

Shares close near best of day

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Natl	400 †	+8	...	4.9	13.4
314	233	Allied Irish	245 †	+7	...	5.1	9.4
278½	178	Aus New Z	178	-2	...	5.2	27.3
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	2749½	-6½	...	...	...
319	248	Bk of Ireland	268	+5	...	4.9	7.8
247	172½	Bank Scotland	197	+3	...	3.4	15.0
640	487	Barclays	553 †	+11	...	3.8	10.6
37	13½	Carlisle	24½	...	...	1.3	...
650½	449	Cater Allen	494	...	...	7.1	10.2
180	130	Cattles	138 †	+1	...	4.9	15.0
2638½	1547½	Chase Manh	2147½	+37½	...	...	...
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2662½	+62½	...	...	...
289½	203	Close Bros	278 †	+3	...	4.3	∞
£170¼	£121½	Commerzbk	£127½	-33½	...	6.4	...
£346¼	£270¼	Deutsche Bk	£288½	+95½	...	2.3	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	69½	+½	...	2.7	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank F	1377½	-2½	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	458	-1	32.0	6.0	13.2
1153	668	HSBC	696 †	+13	...	4.4	10.1
1153	680	HSBC HK	715 †	+11	...	4.3	10.4
473	221	Hambros	263	+10	...	7.7	10.0
443	400	Joseph (L)	418	...	...	3.2	12.2
170	105	King Shaxson	112	+2	...	10.0	11.1
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	449 †	+16	...	5.4	7.9
660	519	Lloyds	546 †	+8	...	5.3	10.7
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	117	+½	...	3.8	17.8
620½	477	Nat Aust Bk	499	+2	...	5.7	10.3
622	431	Nat West	494 †	+12	...	4.8	9.2
575	415	Providen	500 †	+2	...	4.4	15.9
79	53	Rea Bros	61	-1½	...	1.9	17.1
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	400	+3	...	5.8	18.1
1574	1050	Schroders	1323 †	+10	...	1.7	12.1
359½	221	Stand Chart	267 †	+9	...	3.0	9.2
291	192	TSB	214½	...	...	4.7	10.8
199	102	Union	102	+1	...	5.5	9.4
1032	569	Warburg SG	610	+23	...	4.5	7.4
1305	862½	Wells Fargo	928½	+175	...	2.9	...
280	194	Westpac	215	...	...	2.5	∞
390	260	Wintrust	260	...	...	6.9	17.4

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	569	+3	...	4.9	15.9
619	485	Bass	527	+1½	...	5.0	12.8
299	250	Boddington	290 †	...	...	4.2	13.5
459	356	Bulmer (HP)	425	+1	...	3.2	24.5
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	186	...	...	3.4	15.5
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	173	...	...	2.6	24.0
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	57	+2	...	4.9	∞
498	380	Fuller Sm 'A'	380	...	...	2.6	15.7
506	375	Grand Met	405	+2	...	4.1	17.6
511	389	Greenalls Grp	412	+4	...	3.8	13.8
584	432	Greene King	519	...	...	3.1	14.4
542	428	Guinness	447 †	-2	...	3.7	14.7
265	239	Hardy Hanson	264	...	...	4.2	13.5
170	135	Heavitree	157	...	...	3.2	14.1
457	353	Highland Distl	424	...	...	2.0	20.1
3773	3125	Holt J	3650 †	...	...	1.7	20.5
222	127	Macallan-Glen	221 †	+1	...	0.2	57.9
695	365	Marstn Mnn 'A'	685	...	...	1.8	28.2
246	195	Mansfield	235	...	...	2.3	14.4
314	256	Marston Thmp	303	+1	...	2.5	15.7
646	544	Matthew Clark	625	-4	...	3.6	13.9
250	113	Merrydown W	114	...	...	2.7	...
545	463	Morland	488	...	...	2.6	16.3
10½	7½	Panamoore	7½	...	...	3.3	∞
274	209	Regent Inns	261	-1½	...	2.6	∞
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1253½	-36½	...	2.2	20.4
591	477	Scot & New	482	-2	...	4.4	14.5
190	142	Taunton Cider	163	...	...	5.1	12.4
306	229	Vaux Group	235	-2	...	3.1	15.1
423	324½	Wetherspoon JD	391	-2	...	2.1	∞
617	494	Whitbread	522	+3	...	4.5	15.3
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	542	+1	...	3.0	15.2
180	148	Yates Bros	166	...	...	2.3	20.5
535	480	Young 'A'	500	...	...	3.8	10.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	150	...	...	4.4	10.9
27	12	Albrighton	17	...	...	3.7	16.3
200	148	Allen	169	...	...	3.9	20.0
164	99	Amec	105	+2	...	3.6	59.7
454	333	Ashtead	443	+1	...	1.6	27.9
165	107	Attwoods	114	-1	...	3.5	...
363	274	BPB Ind	309	+3	...	3.3	20.9
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	118	...	...	3.3	22.3
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35 †	...	...	2.1	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	27	...	...	3.1	3.2
60	38½	Bardon	39 †	...	...	6.4	...
292	161	Barratt Devs	171 †	+4	...	4.4	∞
189	122½	Beazer Homes	128 †	+3½	...	4.3	10.1
304	170	Bellway	180	-2	...	4.3	16.9
59	40½	Bellwinch	40½	...	...	...	35.6
244	125	Beresford Ind	190	...	...	...	...
573	383	Berkeley Gp	390	-3	...	2.2	16.2
215	118	Best Bros	175	-2	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	66 †	-½	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	273 †	-1	...	5.2	19.4
335	250	Boot (Henry)	250	...	...	3.2	22.7
84	35	Brandon Hire	68 †	...	...	2.8	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	94 †	...	...	6.1	26.9
154	120	Br Dredging	137	...	...	5.2	16.2
99	78	Brit Fittings	88 †	-1	...	5.2	13.5
197½	120	Bryant	120 †	-1	...	5.2	19.5
149½	111½	CALA	118 †	...	...	3.0	16.3
409	321	CRH	341 †	+1	...	2.8	17.3
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	20½	Costain	24	+1½	...	...	...
185	123	Countryside	123	...	...	4.2	27.3
120	82	Crest Nicholson	82	...	...	3.4	15.2
140	100	Cussins	110 †	...	...	3.8	13.3
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	21½	...	...	1.7	...
358	273	Epwin	317 †	...	...	3.1	18.8
82	57	Erith	69 †	-1½	...	2.5	18.5
473	328	Eve Group	328	...	...	4.2	15.4
60	27	Galliford	29	...	...	4.4	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	97 †	...	...	3.5	...
1028	833	Gleeson (MJ)	838	...	...	1.8	14.6
218	168	Graham Grp	173 †	+2	...	3.3	16.5
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	147	...	...	2.5	16.8
82	48	Hewetson	70	...	...	2.2	...
473	291	Heywd Wm	291	+1	...	5.8	16.4
144	86	Higgs & Hill	88	...	...	3.6	...
41	27	How Gp	35 †	...	...	2.7	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	24 †	...	...	4.2	22.4
100	67	Ibstock	76 †	...	...	1.8	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	109 †	...	...	4.3	22.8
428	304	Laing (J)	315 †	+7	...	5.2	19.4
164	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	90½	...	...	8.8	...
115	115	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.8	17.9
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	67	...	...	...	...
405	305	Manders	305 †	-2	...	4.1	14.8
213½	130	Marley	132 †	+1	...	4.0	15.6
155	120	Marshalls	155	+3	...	3.9	16.5
253	196	Maunders (J)	220	...	...	3.0	21.3
321	186	McAlpine (A)	196 †	+6	...	4.1	28.7
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	56	...	...	...	...
468	359	Meyer Int	370	+11	...	3.6	15.6
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	104	+2	...	2.4	...
202½	96	NSM	100	...	...	...	12.0
196	146	Newman Tnks	156 †	...	...	5.1	19.7
379½	216	Persimmon	220 †	+4	...	5.2	16.5
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1490	Pochins	1631½	...	...	1.5	∞
198	128	Prowting	128	...	...	3.3	39.6
1079	805	RMC Gp	920 †	+10	...	2.9	19.0
116	53	Raine Ind	53 †	...	...	7.1	∞
40	21	Ramus	21	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	467 †	...	...	6.7	21.6
160	70	Rubel	100	...	4.3	3.4	...
185½	117	Rugby Group	119 †	+2	...	3.6	15.0
61	50	Secure Retire	51	+1	...	...	...
67	50	Severfield-Reeve	51 †	+1	0.7	1.5	20.6
250	155	Sharpe & Fisher	168 †	...	...	3.3	12.3
350	222	Sheffield Ins	245 †	...	...	3.2	19.8
365	233	Sherriff Hldgs	365	...	...	1.5	24.3
158	94	Shorco	155	...	...	4.4	14.5
345	195	Smart (J)	232	+2	...	4.6	20.0
5	1½	Starmin	...	...	...	...	...
306	121	Tarmac	124 †	+2	...	5.5	...
257	151	Tay Homes	163	+12	...	5.1	∞
183	116	Taylor Woodrw	119 †	+1	...	1.8	29.1
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	540 †	...	...	7.6	41.4
60	36	Torex Hire	56	...	...	2.0	29.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	280 †	+2	...	3.7	17.3
29½	15	Trencherwood	15	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	23 †	...	...	2.7	...
28	21	Tudor	22	...	...	1.4	...
113	40	Vibroplant	107½	...	...	4.2	28.4
170	123½	Walnhomes	124	...	...	4.2	13.4
74	48	Ward Hldgs	48	...	...	1.3	...
63	33	Waterhouse	55	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	538 †	-3	...	2.9	20.3
225½	148	Westbury	148	...	...	4.4	16.5
7	3½	Wiggins	6	...	...	...	...
373	332	Wilson Bowdn	339 †	+6	...	3.5	15.1
259	171	Wilson (C)	184 †	+7	...	2.9	15.3
249	132	Wimpey G	146 †	+8	...	4.5	21.8
30	16	YRM	20	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	705	+10	...	...	...
478	253	Adam & Harvey	475	...	...	3.9	6.5
83	58	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	14.2
62	44	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.1	...
140	86	Amm Sec	90	+2	...	...	11.7
162	99	BET Ord	106	+3	...	3.8	17.7
195	115	BNB Res	186	...	...	1.3	21.2
255	175	BPP	214 †	...	...	5.2	15.3
186	134	BSM	134 †	...	...	6.0	11.4
235	184	Barbour Index	184	...	...	5.8	∞
1½	0½	Black & Edg	0½	...	...	...	...
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	167 †	+½	...	4.0	∞
31	22	Broadcastle	28	...	...	4.8	12.4
79	58	Brooks Service	62	...	...	3.0	...
117½	87	CRT Gp	91 ↓	...	...	4.5	22.3
238	158	Capita Group	164	...	...	2.1	20.9
59	29½	Cashel Plc	31½	+½	...	4.4	10.7
36½	7½	Chiltern Capital	26½	+1	...	...	...
75	43	Christie	43	-5	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	311	+1	...	3.5	19.1
65	41	Corp Services	58	...	...	0.5	21.8
97	48	Coms Cnslig	52	-1	...	1.0	...
170	140	Dart	166	+6	...	2.8	17.7
276	212	Davis Service	227 †	...	...	4.5	15.2
154	98	EW Fact	98	...	...	6.4	7.2
34	18½	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	4.8
334	261	Hays	279	+1	...	2.8	18.7
280	220	Hogg Robinsn	225	...	...	3.9	15.7
39	18	Holmes Protectn	22	...	...	...	1.3
365½	240	Hutch Whamp	292½	+½	...	1.9	21.1
2896½	1728½	ISS B DKr	1728½	-3½	...	6.0	1.9
609	395	Inchcape	430½	+13½	...	4.3	14.5
165	138	JBA Hldgs	140 †	...	...	2.1	14.2
414	254	Johnson Clean	255	...	...	5.3	10.3
8	4	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
194	141½	Mitie Gp	180	...	...	1.6	21.1
1837½	1156½	Manpower	1790½	+12½	...	0.7	...
115	65	Michael Page	113 †	+1	...	2.5	27.8
143	90	Parity	135 †	+1	...	2.1	35.3
115	84	Pennat	84	...	...	6.0	...
89½	60½	Prontfoot	68 †	+1	...	6.4	11.7
415	290	RCO	300	...	...	6.3	10.4
129	97	REA	128	...	...	5.9	48.8
177	104	Read Executive	162 †	...	1.0	0.7	...
153	105	Reliance Sec	130	...	...	4.3	∞
279	197½	Rentokil	221 †	+2	...	1.7	22.8
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	187	...	...	2.7	20.1
392	243	Salvesen (C)	268	+2	...	3.8	13.7
68	43	Scott Pickford	59	...	...	1.9	∞
17½	9	Select App	17½	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	288 †	...	...	1.6	20.2
130	75	Sherwd Cmp	92	+2	...	4.2	14.9
130	93	Stenchley	95	+1	...	...	∞
140	100	Unipalm	103	...	...	2.8	15.5
338	325	Warner Howrd	327	...	...	3.3	10.7
30½	19	Wilk Gp	19 †	...	...	...	...

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
156½	115½	Allied Colloids	151	+4	...	2.2	21.0
1141	910	Amersham	926	+2	...	2.1	19.4
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£140½	£106½	BASF DM	£123½	+23½	...	7.5	...
373	286	BTP	287	...	...	4.4	18.2
£160½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£139½	+25½	...	0.4	...
171	107	Blagden	118	-1	...	1.6	55.2
131	98	Brent Chems	116 †	+½	...	4.3	...
544	311½	Brit Biotech	483	-6	...	...	...
13	5½	Cabral Grp	6	+½	...	...	16.7
199	153	Canning (W)	174 †	-1	...	5.2	29.4
580	429	Courtaulds	454	...	...	4.1	30.6
399	327	Croda	358 †	+5	...	3.6	15.4
136	95	Doeflex	126	+4	...	4.3	15.2
283	225	Ellis & Everard	265 †	+1	...	3.6	19.6
58	35½	Euro Colour	50	...	...	2.6	20.0
399	337	Halstead (J)	384	...	...	2.5	∞
223	155	Hickson	155 †	-1	...	6.5	13.9
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£128½	+21½	...	5.9	...
250	153½	Holliday Chem	207	...	...	2.7	16.9
888	728	ICI	809	+5	...	4.2	65.4
843	645	Laporte	697 †	+2	...	3.8	17.6
248	180	Leigh	192	-3	...	5.1	17.6
95	48	MTM	84 †	...	...	0.7	...
2400½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2221½	+37½	...	2.4	...
625	461	Paterson Zch	491	...	...	3.2	13.0
595	416	Paterson Zch 'A'	473	...	...	3.4	12.5
250	180	Plysu	180	...	...	4.9	25.3
349	265	Porvair	287 †	...	...	1.9	21.6
66	31	Sutcliffe Speak	31	...	...	2.0	18.4
480	361	Wardle Storeys	390	...	...	5.5	20.4
823	570	Wolstnhlme R	788 †	...	...	3.0	16.5
483	380	Yorks Chem	394	+1	...	2.6	17.0
330	258	Yule Catto	266 †	...	...	3.1	20.4
889	672	Zeneca	807 †	-8	...	4.3	16.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	200	Alders	213	...	...	3.6	15.9
410	307	Argos Plc	317 †	+10	...	3.3	16.7
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	70	...	...	0.2	...
357	152	Asprey	152	-7	...	5.0	7.5
244	176	Austin Reed	246	...	...	2.8	13.5
188	139	Beattie (J) 'A'	139 †	...	...	5.6	18.2
150	110	Bentalls	128½	...	...	2.0	43.1
145	38	Betterware	48	+4	...	7.4	5.1
48	36	Blacks Leis	37	...	...	7.6	...
264	185½	Body Shop	212½	+3½	...	1.2	20.0
601	487	Boots	502½	+3½	...	3.7	19.8
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...	...	...
263	210	Brown (N)	244	...	...	2.0	23.4
84½	51	Burton	64	+1	...	3.9	...
245	175	Camors	175 †	-7	...	2.9	∞
520	388	Church	500 †	...	...	3.2	25.5
171	96	Clinton Cards	105	+2	...	5.8	14.7
287	194	Coats Viyella	212	+3½	...	4.9	18.1
170	96	C'ty Cntrls	96	...	...	5.6	9.8
903	725	Courts Furnish	726 †	...	...	1.0	37.0
210	155	Crown Eye	185	+5	...	0.4	8.0
137	87½	Dairy Farm Intl	89½	-1½	...	4.2	12.0
143	97½	Dewhirst (II)	126½	...	...	1.7	17.9
287	170	Dixons Grp	186	+6	...	4.4	20.0
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	...	2.8	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	3.8	27.2
284	181	Essex Furn	182	...	...	2.6	29.1
326	227	Etam	279	...	...	3.5	10.6
558	467	Fine Art Dev	469	-3	14.3	3.8	14.5
58	46	Fired Earth	58	...	...	...	...
155	136	Fennimore	150	...	...	2.7	...
278	124	French Conn	244	...	...	...	10.5
78	48	Gear SR	70 †	...	...	4.0	∞
122	85	Goldsmiths Gp	123	+2	...	1.9	21.9
653	524	GUS	562 †	...	...	2.9	16.5
296	164	Hamleys	168	...	...	3.5	18.0
31	3	Hampden Grp	23 †	-2	...	5.4	...
70½	13½	Hanstone	16½	...	...	2.4	...
91	64	Honeysuckle	69	...	...	4.5	10.1
227	178	Hse of Fraser	208 †	+2	...	3.0	18.7
211	173	Jacques Vert	190	...	...	3.0	16.8
778	477	Kingfisher	499 †	+4	...	3.8	12.8
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	...	7.6	13.0
435	340	Liberty	340 †	...	...	1.8	...
390	277	Lloyds Chem	289	...	...	3.4	9.6
194	126	MFI	130	+3	...	3.8	16.3
480½	380	Marks Spencer	409½	+5½	...	2.8	19.0
680	507	Menzies (John)	537 †	...	...	2.9	12.5
343	238	Moss Bros	327	...	...	2.7	15.0
275	214	Next	238	...	...	3.6	14.4
94	39	Oliver (G)	94	+1	...	...	29.1
335	265	Owen Owen	271	+2	...	4.8	12.3
37	14½	Peneus	14½	-2	...	...	...
268	169	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	18.6
62	23	Rhino Grp	23	...	...	2.7	21.9
209	140	Ratners	140 †	...	...	4.2	16.4
180	99	Sherwood Gp	99	...	...	3.9	9.2
132	99½	Sears	103	+1½	...	4.6	17.3
48	23½	Signet Group	25	-½	...	...	8.6
549	427	Smith WH	436 †	+4	...	4.4	22.5
21	10	Specialeyes	10	...	...	...	...
252	199	Storehouse	204	+1	...	3.4	18.1
198	146	T & S Stores	167	+5	...	4.7	11.7
173	117	Tie Rack	117	...	...	1.9	13.9
285	215	Time Products	232	...	...	4.6	18.0
132	108	Usher (Frank)	119 †	...	...	7.4	9.1
539	384	Vendome	512	-1	...	1.4	39.4
44	34	Vivat	41	+2	...	3.8	10.6
70	33	WEW Group	33	...	...	2.3	24.3
108	42	Wensum	48 †	...	...	3.4	37.7
129	88	Wickes	91	...	...	1.8	20.3
93½	52	Wld of Leather	88 ↓	...	...	1.1	...
195	138	Wyevale	144 †	...	...	4.0	15.2

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	100	ACT Group	100	...	...	6.6	9.4
296	248	Acal	281	...	...	3.0	17.6
650	478	Admiral	644	...	...	1.3	19.8
256	163	Alba	183 †	...	...	3.4	15.1
46	34	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	32.0
50	29½	Amstrad	28	...	...	2.4	...
110	73	App Holo	101	...	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	34	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	99½	...	...	1.4	16.3
231	162	Axion	162	...	...	2.3	13.1
283	239	Beales Hunter	271	+6	...	4.5	∞
378	344	BICC	357 †	+5	...	6.7	22.5
535	411	BBCK	413	...	...	3.1	16.6
1100	637½	Borland	825	+75	...	...	...
330	289	Bowthorpe	301	+7	...	2.9	17.2
486	353½	BT	386	+6	...	5.4	13.4
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	21	+1	...	1.5	15.3
79	55	Burnfield	67 †	-3	...	3.5	28.8
543	381	Cable Wireless	395	+5	...	2.6	16.8
35½	26½	Chloride	26½	+½	...	...	74.8
283	203	CML Micro	269	...	...	2.8	17.2
305	105	Compsc People	195 ↓	...	...	1.6	44.4
202	154	Cray Elect	170½	...	...	1.6	∞
462	412	Critchley	433	-1	...	2.3	19.4
524	355	Delta	454 †	+4	...	3.9	20.3
633	446	Denmans El	598	...	...	1.4	16.7
560	400	Domino	524	...	...	2.0	22.5
76	63½	Dowding Mills	69½	...	...	5.0	23.2
1635	1200	Druck	1480	-10	...	0.9	27.2
559	443	Electrocompnts	482	+10	...	2.6	20.1
165	135	El Data Proc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	150 †	-2	...	2.7	15.5
30½	21	Emess	31	...	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	371 †	+6	...	1.7	22.0
212	152½	FKI	165½	+½	...	2.8	19.1
656	502	Farnell Elect	518	+13	...	1.8	21.3
346	298	First Tech	334	+1	...	1.3	19.3
287	195	Forward Gp	195	...	...	3.2	11.7
58	14½	Forward Tech	51	...	...	0.6	...
359½	269½	GEC	287 †	+1	...	4.7	14.4
194	119	Gnatchy	143½	...	...	5.2	13.5
14½	10	Graystone	12½	...	...	2.4	∞
193	126	Ind Control	128 †	...	...	4.9	∞
388	268	Jones Stroud	340 †	...	...	5.2	16.0
145	99	Kalamazoo Cmp	124	...	...	3.3	14.0
396	335	Kenwood App	369	+1	...	3.0	17.7
306	221	Kewill Sys	257	...	...	2.4	11.2
165	38	Kode	53	...	...	4.4	...
35	19	Laser-Scan	21	...	...	...	...
143½	68	LRMS	103	...	...	...	...
171	107	Life Sciences	132 †	+1	...	3.9	13.1
321	266	Logica	301 †	+1	...	2.1	∞
52	45	LPA Ind	52	...	...	3.8	...
216	114	MR Data Mngt	114 †	-4½	...	6.1	∞
473	435	Macro 4	425 †	...	...	5.9	11.9
281	210	Menvier-Sw	265	...	...	2.0	20.6
1320	790	Micro Focus	790	-5	...	...	9.6
178	120	Microgen	120	-2	...	7.6	12.0
46	31	Microvitec	35½	...	...	...	...
549½	426	Misys	426	...	...	2.4	∞
494	185	Mitel	213	...	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp	175	...	...	3.0	17.9
320	259	MTL Inst	315 †	-2	...	1.7	19.0
148	109	Murray Elec	114 ↓	+4½	...	2.2	...
2746½	2284½	NTNEX	2443½	-40½	...	...	...
128	70	Neutronics	70	...	...	4.6	15.2
60	48	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...	...
438	279	Norbain	413 ↓	+2	...	0.7	19.8
100	47	Northamber	91	...	...	1.1	38.6
9½	4½	Oceonics	4½	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	24	...	0.5	2.7	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	330	-1	...	2.0	18.3
94	60	P & P	67	...	...	3.9	16.6
84	74½	Peek	80	...	...	5.4	19.9
225	168	Pegasus	168 †	-1	...	3.7	16.9
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£100	...	...	5.8	...
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	1928½	+18½	...	0.9	8.8
445	232	Phonelink	232	...	...	...	...
359	283	Pifco	357	...	...	1.6	24.5
344	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	339	-1	...	1.7	23.2
143	70	Plasmec	129 †	...	...	3.6	...
129	100	Pressac	113	...	...	2.8	23.1
303	181	Psion	245 †	...	...	1.5	17.2
261	187	Racal Elect	253	+8	...	2.1	20.8
58	33	Radamec	47	+2	...	5.1	14.0
48	27	Radius	41 †	...	...	1.1	...
169	73	Real Time	153	+8	...	3.3	∞
311	228	Renishaw	232 †	...	...	2.4	17.0
615	507	Sage Gp	609	...	...	2.1	16.4
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	85	...	...	4.2	...
49	19	Scantronic	25	...	...	4.2	∞
256	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
432	318	Sema Gp	420 †	...	...	1.0	25.9
320	245	Servomex	266 †	...	...	3.1	28.4
49	36	Silvermines	37	-1	...	2.7	22.0
94	60	Soundtracks	66	-1	...	4.5	15.0
3225	2265½	TDK	2790½	+9½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
101	51	TGI	96	-1	...	2.6	17.9
170	80	Telemetrix	85	+1	...	1.5	10.9
308	191	Telspec	301 †	+1	...	1.0	36.4
1165	963	Thorn EMI	989	+2	...	4.3	20.2
220	133	Thorpe FW	208 †	+2½	...	1.9	∞
43	21	Total Systems	31	...	...	...	32.2
303	215	Tunstall	249	+1	...	1.8	17.8
363	256	Unitech	344	+3	...	2.4	26.9
16	8½	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec	23½	...	...	2.1	12.8
212	157½	Vodafone	197½	+1½	...	1.8	25.8
483	395	Volex	414	...	...	5.5	18.2
280	80	Wakebourne	93	+6	...	...	...
31	20	Western Selectn	25	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	258	Wholesale Ftgs	258 †	...	11.7	5.7	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	727	+8	...	3.9	57.4
866	566	Eastern Grp	760	-1	...	3.8	16.6
477	308	Hydro-Elect	329	-2	...	4.8	10.4
753	534	London Elect	678	-5	...	4.1	10.4
871	635	Manweb	764	-1	...	4.0	9.1
840	597	Midlands Elec	712	+2	...	4.1	10.9
520	404½	National Powr	487	+13	...	3.2	12.1
898	589	Northern Elec	756	+3	...	4.1	9.5
421	320	Nthn Ireland	362	+1	...	3.9	9.9
850	587	Norweb	763	+5	...	3.8	10.0
602	449	PowerGen	559	+20	...	2.8	12.3
486	325	Scottish Power	347	+3	...	4.5	11.0
453	299	Seeboard	392	-8	...	3.7	10.4
840	581	Sth Wales	769	+6	...	4.2	10.4
824	551	Sth Western	727	-3	...	4.0	9.6
837	540	Southern Elec	718	-6	...	4.0	11.2
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	684	+2	...	4.3	13.3

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 †	...	...	2.5	...
105	79	BWD	84	+2	...	6.2	6.9
124	96	Baltic Plc	124 †	+4	...	2.0	13.8
215	163	Bristec	166	-2	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	670	...	...	3.0	16.6
2650	1909	Camellia	2462½	...	...	1.6	6.6
365	310	Candover	328 †	...	...	4.3	...
212	134	Exco	186	...	...	5.7	10.1
465	353	Govett	353	...	...	5.2	5.8
250	185	Ivory Sime	226	+2½	...	4.1	17.6
428	150	Johnson Fry	159	+2	1.5	1.2	...
245	138	Lon Forfaitng	165 †	...	...	7.1	10.2
57	44	Manakin	50	...	...	...	...
29½	8½	Nat Home Loan	15½	...	...	...	0.3
58	16	Newmarket	16 †	-1	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brt	269 †	...	...	3.0	13.5
29	21½	Rutland Tst	29½	...	...	4.2	13.4
369	281½	S & U	309 †	-1	...	4.4	10.1
114	76	Singer & Fried	76 †	...	...	5.2	9.8
1260	788	Sotheby's	790	...	...	3.5	34.1
186	116	STP Capital	130	+6	...	2.9	8.0
224	148	Towry Law	146 †	...	...	3.8	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2037½	1628½	Amer Express	1887½	+12½	...	...	...
154	126	Brewin Dolphin	128	+3	...	5.7	9.5
229	157	Gartmore	163 †	...	...	3.1	18.8
1208	845	Henderson Ad	861	+8	...	6.4	13.7
251½	151	Invesco	151 †	-2	...	3.1	24.8
317	214½	Jardine Strat	237½	-1	...	3.4	9.0
323	218	MAI	229 †	-1	...	4.3	12.4
117½	88½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	91½	...	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	585	...	...	4.8	13.6
1243	794	M & G	922	...	...	3.8	19.3
496	326	Smith New Ct	336	-11	...	3.7	2.8
65	25	Trio Hldgs	31	...	...	6.0	14.1

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
602	499	AB Food	505 †	+4	...	3.7	9.8
66	50½	ASDA Group	61½	+½	...	3.6	14.1
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	285	...	...	3.7	11.4
74	44	Albert Fisher	44	-1	...	10.7	0.8
315	222½	Argyll	264	-1	...	5.4	11.6
270	220	Banks (S C)	240	-5	...	5.1	9.2
373	305	Barr (AG)	371	-1	...	2.3	23.0
72	42	Bensons Crsp	44	...	...	6.1	...
484	378	Booker	415 †	+2	...	6.6	15.3
56½	48	Borthwick	57½	...	...	3.2	22.0
505	413	Brake Bros	418	+5	...	2.1	14.9
43	24	Budgen	25	...	...	3.0	15.9
189	156	CPL Aromas	189	...	...	2.0	18.0
546	407	Cadbury-Schw	447 †	+5	...	4.3	14.8
232	143	Carrs Milling	185	...	...	3.0	∞
167	130	Cranswick	153	-4	...	6.7	12.8
17	11½	Cullens	13	...	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	118	...	...	1.6	∞
543	389	Dalgety	432	+1	...	6.3	11.1
87	50	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
294	212	Devro	218 †	+3	...	3.6	14.7
101	57	Everest	57	...	...	5.0	∞
394	344	Farepak	344	...	...	2.4	19.6
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.9	10.2
108	87	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	189	Geest	198	...	...	5.2	...
20½	14	Global	14	...	...	4.5	12.6
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	124	...	...	6.8	7.5
196½	151	Hillsdown	172	-2	...	6.5	12.1
28	16	Hobson	24½	+1	...	...	...
215	133	Iceland Group	151 †	...	...	3.3	9.4
111	93	IIJ Group	97	...	...	6.2	13.7
686	523	Kwik Save	554	+13	...	4.2	9.7
376	138	Low (Wm)	364	...	...	2.9	12.1
127	85	Matthews (B)	117 †	...	...	2.9	14.1
18	9½	Merchant Retail	9½	...	...	2.6	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	133 †	+3½	...	1.0	15.5
246	205	Nichols (JN)	241 †	...	...	3.0	15.5
271½	193	Nthn Foods	211½	+1½	...	5.2	10.3
14	9	Nrthmbrn Fn	13	...	...	...	...
232	177	Nurdin Peack	180 †	...	...	4.6	10.0
146	89½	Park Foods	114	...	...	2.6	25.1
81	62	Perkins Food	76 †	...	...	7.3	12.8
141	109	PizzaExpress	117 †	...	...	2.1	∞
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	394½	-2½	...	3.4	13.9
96	73	Sentry Farm	81	+1	...	3.5	8.2
122	71	Sims Food	88	...	...	10.7	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	424	+5	...	3.9	10.5
255	205½	Tesco	235½	-1½	...	4.2	11.8
198	162	Thorntons	178	...	...	2.7	...
238	145	Treat	201	+3	...	2.5	16.4
434½	323	Unigate	333	+8	...	6.5	9.4
388	301	Utd Biscuits	309 †	-5½	...	6.2	25.2
21	8	Usborne	8½	...	...	4.9	6.3
422	279	WatsonA Philip	324	+1	...	4.9	15.1
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Stk H	38	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	76 †	...	...	2.9	15.4
285	209½	Forte	234 †	+10½	...	4.0	27.7
207	169	Friendly Hotels	169	...	...	4.3	27.9
171½	142½	Jurys Hotel	167½	-½	...	4.1	15.0
217½	151	Ladbroke	158 †	+3½	...	2.8	27.9
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	81½	-4½	...	3.9	21.5
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels E	20	-½	...	4.3	17.1
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	913	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	81	...	...	1.9	29.2

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	40	...	...	...	...
544	392	AAH	395	+2	...	5.7	14.1
185	119	ADI	141	...	...	4.0	37.6
138	70½	APV	72½	...	...	7.6	...
220	157	ASW	181 †	-1	...	4.1	...
202	151	Adwest	151 †	-½	...	6.2	15.4
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18 †	...	...	5.2	51.0
342	223	Airsprung	244	...	...	2.5	15.2
230	182	Alexdn W	182	...	...	3.8	19.4
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6	...	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	329 †	+2	...	2.3	∞
73	27½	Alvis	32 †	+3½	...	3.9	22.2
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	16.2
65½	45½	Amberley Gp	55	...	...	2.3	∞
61	43	Anagen	52	...	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	67	...	...	...	...
380	199½	Antofagasta	368	-5	...	1.2	29.3
62	48	Armour	51½	+½	...	4.5	∞
175	163	Ash & Lacy	163 †	-½	...	4.9	16.8
6	3½	Ast Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	55.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	553	...	...	3.7	24.0
297½	248	Assoc Nurse	248	...	...	1.0	14.5
553	460	Atlas Equip	535 †	+4	...	5.1	17.8
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	113	...	1.5	4.7	...
236	173	BBA	181 †	...	...	3.1	...
193	115	BLP Group	165 †	...	...	0.8	45.3
51	24½	BM Gp	44	...	...	...	...
688	627	BOC	688	+3	...	4.2	20.0
84	59½	BSG	81½	+½	...	6.5	38.4
578	495	BSS Group	525	...	...	4.2	21.9
401	299	BTR	334 †	+10	...	5.0	16.6
176	134	BWI	139	-1	...	6.2	∞
40	28½	Babcock	30½	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7	...	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	225	+2	...	5.0	18.9
568½	368½	Barlow	462½	+28½	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	76 †	...	...	2.9	19.5
29½	17	Bearing Power	20½	...	...	4.6	13.0
95	23	Beaufort	32	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
18½	8½	Benson Group	9 †	+½	...	4.6	∞
398	243	Bespak	276	+1	...	4.6	14.2
91	49	Bibby (J)	53	...	...	4.7	...
226	124	Billam (J)	124 †	...	...	5.3	7.7
81	26	Bilston Batsea	37	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Bionec Ind	6½ ‡	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	248	...	...	3.0	18.2
48	30	Black Arrow	30	...	...	8.3	9.5
290	233	Black (Peter)	264 †	...	...	2.1	19.0
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	209 †	-2	...	3.6	6.2
329	262	Bodycote	305	...	...	2.2	20.7
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	...	...	3.1	∞
75	43	Booth Inds	63	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	26	+1	...	3.8	∞
524	409	Bowater	486 †	+5	...	3.5	17.5
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1759½	-3½	...	...	...
297	248	Boxmore Intl	257	...	...	1.9	16.4
20	15	Brasway	16 †	...	...	4.1	16.3
370	289	Brammer	338 †	...	...	4.8	18.8
31	16	Bridgend Gp	16	...	...	1.6	∞
171	120	Bridon	161	...	...	3.1	...
97	74	Bridport-Gndry	95	...	...	3.0	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	46½	+1	...	9.1	∞
235	185	Br Bldg & Eng	185	...	...	5.6	∞
124	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	442	...	...	3.5	15.4
172½	121½	Br Steel	168	+3	...	1.5	62.2
176	51	Br Thornton	51	...	...	14.7	4.5
309	219	Br Vita	223 †	+2	...	4.2	16.6
180½	136½	Britton Grp	143 ↓	-1	...	2.2	20.8
988	773½	Broken Hill	898	+8	...	2.3	36.9
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	92	...	...	6.1	11.7
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	-½	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	50	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	148	...	...	5.1	24.3
16	7	Business Tech	8	+½	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	2.5	...
54	31	Campbell & Arm	42	...	...	...	...
39	11½	Cannon St	17	+3½	...	...	6.5
488	398	Cantab Pharms	398	...	...	...	...
278	238	Cape	238	...	...	5.8	15.1
455	254	Caradon	279 †	+3	...	4.0	18.5
215½	128½	Caradon pf	137½	+1	7.2	6.6	...
293	248	Cardo Eng	250	+1	...	4.5	16.3
10	6	Care UK	7	...	...	...	...
2446½	1890½	Carnaud Md	2143½	+31½	...	2.2	16.7
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85	...	...	4.0	10.9
159	110	Castings	140	...	...	2.3	17.2
66	32	Cathay Intl	32	...	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	207	...	...	...	...
220	135	Chamberlin Hill	180	...	...	5.1	10.1
836	606½	Charter	758	+4	...	3.7	21.6
380	272	Chemring	280	...	...	4.1	14.8
62	46	Chieftain Gp	56	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Intl	164 †	+1	...	1.5	29.0
80	60	Clayhithe	73	...	...	4.5	∞
668	403	Cohen (A)	540	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	247 †	...	...	...	1.3
263	187	Concentric	199	...	...	3.9	15.7
310	240	Cook (Wm)	220	+1	...	3.5	13.0
285	227	Cookson	238 †	+4	...	3.4	21.5
117	81	Copymore	115 †	...	...	4.5	16.3
167	112	Cotwll Pkr 'A'	113 †	...	...	6.3	25.3
157	109	Coalt	131	-1	...	6.0	...
285	190	Creighton Nt	190	-5	...	5.1	∞
44	30	CrestaCare	30 †	...	...	3.2	...
2082½	18½	Dana	1612½	-37½	...	...	...
388	269	Dartiss Bs Syr	276	+7	...	0.7	23.5
256	198	David Brown	198	...	...	4.0	14.0
1021	825	De La Rue	939	+13	...	2.7	20.0
162	133	Denby Group	142	+1	...	2.7	13.8
52	32	Dinkie Heel	33	...	...	5.4	9.5
628	445½	Diploma	454	+4	...	3.4	18.2
97	70	Dobson Park	80	...	...	5.9	15.8
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	104	-1	...	4.2	∞
97	78	Dyson 'A'	81	-1	...	5.4	∞
16	12	EPG	15	+½	0.1	0.8	9.8
442	364	EIS	390	...	...	4.0	15.5
25	15	Eldiel	15	-1	...	...	...
53	31	Eleco	32	...	...	...	...
3756½	2380	Electrolux 'B'	3050	+34½	...	1.7	52.0
91	69	Elliott (B)	87	...	...	1.4	13.3
447½	321	Eng China Cl	364 †	+9	...	5.5	17.7
146	96	Environmed	123	...	...	0.2	...
3642½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3371½	-18½	...	1.1	29.3
86	56	Eurodry	65	...	...	3.5	14.1
118	60	Expamet	99 †	...	...	3.3	70.1
402	334½	Fairey Group	374 †	+4	...	2.1	19.8
148	109	Fenner	142	...	...	0.4	...
120	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	35	Ferrum	35	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	60 †	...	...	5.7	8.8
157	107	Fisons	110	-1	...	3.1	...
80	37	Fitzwilton	43	...	...	10.5	...
308	263	Flogas	300	...	...	2.8	12.4
51	38	Folkes Group nv	44 †	...	1.5	4.3	...
126	84	French (Thomas)	95	...	...	4.8	16.8
284	205	Frost Group	210 †	+5	...	3.2	21.2
88	77	GEI Intl	82	...	...	2.3	23.0
660	510½	GKN	595 †	-1	...	4.5	34.5
70	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	127 †	-½	...	4.6	34.4
191	121	Gestetner	121	...	...	2.5	...
86	49	Gleves	62	...	...	2.0	39.8
725	530	Glaxo	572½	-2½	...	5.9	14.0
46	26	Glenchewton	31	...	...	...	...
404	321	Glynwed	339	+3	...	4.5	19.0
209	128	Goode Durrant	192	...	...	3.9	15.1
185	109	Grampian Hldg	119½	+1½	...	6.3	20.1
598	475	Granada	496	+5	...	2.3	19.6
85	71	Green (Ernst)	75	...	...	10.0	∞
15½	10½	Greenacre	10½	...	...	4.1	13.6
85	61	Hadeen MacLn	66 †	...	...	3.8	17.0
122	90	Hadleigh	117	...	...	2.1	13.7
76	50	Halkin Hldgs	62	...	...	...	48.4
320	147	Hall Eng	147 †	...	...	6.8	11.5
236	204	Halma	215	+1	...	1.4	25.2
73	47	Hampson Ind	69	...	...	3.6	13.1
302	224	Hanson	239½	-1½	...	6.6	20.5
161	132	Harris (Philip)	143	...	...	6.0	17.7
220	152	Harrison Crsfld	163 †	...	...	6.9	16.5
150	121	Havelock Euro	163	-1	...	1.5	19.3
48	25	Hay (Norman)	25	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	35 †	...	...	2.5	27.2
511	284	Hepworth	303 †	+1	...	6.1	17.2
208	130	Hewitt (J)	130	...	...	3.1	...
75	52	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
184½	138	Hill & Smith	138	...	...	5.3	15.9
191	111	Holders Tech	119	...	...	6.3	12.9
63	39	Hopkinsons	53 †	+½	...	3.1	...
216	176	Hornby	182	...	...	6.2	15.9
103	78	Howden	64	...	...	3.6	13.5
292	234	Hozelock	249	-2	...	3.0	17.7
265	165	Hunting	165	...	...	7.6	32.6
513	402	Huntigh Tec	420 †	...	...	1.6	10.6
379	296	IMI	299 †	-2	...	4.3	25.4
138	110	ISA Intl	118	...	...	1.6	14.7
165	43	Intercare Gp	43	...	...	10.2	4.6
325	264	Isotron	288 †	...	...	2.1	∞
710	409½	Jardine Math	510½	+½	...	2.6	11.7
628	488	Johnson Matth	540	-5	...	2.6	21.5
51	37	Johnson & FB	39½	...	...	1.1	...
294	149	Johnston	257	...	...	2.0	34.0
32	25	Jones Stiginan	31	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	31	...	...	4.1	30.5
191½	146½	Kalon	149	...	...	3.7	14.1
315	230	Kelsey Ind	315	+10	...	3.2	...
875	730	Kershaw (A)	875	...	...	3.9	40.3
276	163	Klemeze	168	...	...	0.7	37.3
444	341	Laird	354	...	...	3.9	16.5
170	145	Lilleshall	160 †	...	...	3.7	16.5
229	205	Lincat	210 †	...	...	3.9	∞
408	313	Linton Park	397 †	-1	...	5.5	11.3
14	4½	Lloobeam	4½	-½	...	8.3	10.2
20½	15	Locker (T) A	16½	...	...	1.5	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	64	...	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	137½	-3	...	3.6	37.7
438	364	Low & Bonar	399	-3	...	3.2	15.9
49	41	ML Hldgs	44	-1	...	2.4	15.3
67	49	MS Intl	49	...	...	6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	55	...	...	3.4	13.5
271	223	Macfarlane	261 †	+1	...	2.0	21.0
539	425	McKechnie	425	-1	...	4.3	20.4
127	100	McLeod Russel	114	...	...	6.7	17.8
104	70	Magnolia	72	...	...	0.2	...
179	129	Mang Bronze	147	-2	...	3.5	∞
26½	18½	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	45.7
231	165	Mayborn	187 †	...	...	3.9	12.4
64	53	Mayflower	57 †	...	...	3.1	23.2
187	120	Medeva	165 †	+3	...	2.2	13.3
120	76	Meggitt	76 †	...	...	6.5	12.2
120	101	Metalrax	107 †	...	...	4.4	17.8
128	90	Metrotect	100	...	...	4.3	∞
133	99	Metsec	133	...	...	2.8	18.4
124	69	Midsmes	70	...	...	...	9.7
6	3	Middlesex Hlds	5½	+½	...	2.2	1.2
589	540	Molins	540 †	-1	...	3.7	10.9
408	319	Morgan Crble	320	+1	...	5.1	15.2
217	176	Morris Ashby	209	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	37	...	...	4.2	17.3
80	42	Nestor-BNA	42 †	...	...	9.4	10.4
234	214	Nobo Gp	225 ↓	...	...	3.3	14.5
212½	119	Norcros	125	...	...	7.0	22.4
35	27	Novo Group	27	...	...	0.9	∞
64	48	OMI Intl	50	...	...	4.4	...
175	153	PCT	155 †	...	...	6.0	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems	70	...	...	7.0	22.7
46	31	Pascoe's	40	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	99 †	...	...	3.6	19.0
310	207	Photo-Me	215 †	-6	...	2.8	∞
208	162	Pilkington	184½	+½	...	2.7	79.4
55	38	Plant & Gen	53	...	...	4.2	∞
185	82	Planestrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
185	126	Polypipe	127 †	+1	...	2.3	∞
44	16	Porter Chadburn	38	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	301	...	...	3.0	13.4
27½	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	...	5.9	9.5
77	56	RPS Group	68 †	...	...	4.8	12.3
108	60	Radiant Metal	60	...	...	...	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	399	-5	...	4.0	25.0
71	13	Ransomes	58	...	...	...	...
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	536 †	+2	...	4.3	13.4
95	70	Record	85	...	...	5.4	18.9
5½	3½	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	249	...	...	2.7	45.4
308	268	Renishaw	289 †	-2½	...	3.0	∞
185	126	Renold	178	...	...	1.8	24.7
539½	424	Reuters	450	+3½	...	1.0	22.5
90	72	Rexmore	73	...	...	4.3	7.4
194	138	Ricardo Group	145 †	+7	...	5.2	17.8
73	53	Richard (Leics)	53	...	...	5.3	37.9
104½	82½	Richardson West	83 †	+3	...	4.9	18.2
164	118½	Ropner	136 †	+2	...	6.9	15.4
24	13½	Ross Gp	13½	...	...	3.7	...
195	157	Rotork	164 †	-1	...	3.4	16.7
190	137	Rubicon	137 †	...	...	4.2	15.5
103	62	Russell (A)	93	...	...	3.1	18.9
42	34½	SEP Indl	39½	...	...	3.2	16.7
1459½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1075	...	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	212	+5	...	3.5	18.1
210	145	Scholl	148 †	+2	...	5.4	14.2
295	242	Scotia	273	...	...	...	...
1543	1146	Securicor	1413	-9	...	0.3	35.0
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	909	+14	...	0.4	22.5
892	606	Security Serv	732	+17	...	1.0	23.2
150½	111	Senior Eng	111	...	...	3.9	17.9
356	291	Seton Health	336	+1	...	2.4	17.1
180	138	Shiloh	153	...	...	2.4	10.1
358	221	Sidlaw	223	+2	...	6.0	10.9
630	500	Siebe	508	+5	...	2.7	16.3
378	194	Silentnight	219	+1	...	1.6	13.0
196	137	Sime Darby	166	-1	...	3.3	∞
130½	75	Simon Eng	101	...	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	193	...	...	4.5	15.6
74	35	Six Hundred	74	...	...	2.5	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	143 †	+1½	...	4.4	15.8
465½	357½	SmithKline	425 †	+9	...	3.2	16.5
421	322	SmithKline Uts	383 †	+7	...	3.6	14.9
527½	411	Smiths Ind	411	+1	...	3.7	16.5
104	41	Sthn Bus	49	+1	...	9.5	7.6
280	155½	Spandex	253	...	...	1.2	20.3
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	427 †	...	...	2.9	18.1
81½	44	Spring Ram	44	...	...	1.4	...
267	197	Staveley	207	-2	...	5.1	63.5
267	197	Sterling Ind	232	...	...	3.4	20.8
220	166	Suter	166 ↓	-1	...	7.0	16.0
604	440½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	462	-14	...	2.0	∞
178	149	Sykone	158	-1	...	3.9	17.5
455	343	TI	353 †	+8	...	4.1	19.5
44	31	TL Range	33	-1	...	3.6	14
462	330	TT Group	344	...	...	2.4	∞
292	172	Tace	222	+6	2.0	1.2	10.5
952½	698	Takeda Chem	760	...	...	0.8	34.2
121	98	Tinsley (E)	114	...	...	5.9	19.4
230	195	[illegible]	195	...	...	2.0	15.5
263	204	Tomkins	212	+3	...	4.4	17.5
134	78½	Trafalgar H	82	+3	...	1.5	...
107	45	Transfer Tech	45	-2	...	6.6	5.0
163	30	Triplex Lloyd	135	...	...	6.5	∞
313	256	UniChem	257	+1½	...	3.3	14.7
440	345	[illegible]	331	...	...	7.9	16.2
54	33	Unigroup	34	-1	...	...	...
1247	965	Unilever	1109	+16	25.0	2.2	16.0
8119½	6498	Unilever NV	7682	+44	...	3.0	14.3
16½	12	Utd Inds	15	...	...	0.8	...
1228	990	VSEL	1215	+50	...	3.5	11.6
31	12	Vetson	14	+1	...	...	...
204	167	Vickers	171	+3	...	2.6	16.1
252	242	Vosper	245	+4	...	4.2	13.8
19	9½	Vullers Grpa	11½	...	...	...	...
572	451	Vinten	5[illegible]	-4	...	2.6	13.1
505	661	Vosper Thorny	701	-5	...	3.2	15.2
65	37	WSP Hldgs	46 †	...	...	4.2	32.6
537	451	Wagon Ind	465	...	...	4.6	25.1
114	97	Walker Greenbk	129	...	...	4.1	20.2
324	240	Wassall	250 †	+2	...	3.6	26.0
63	44	[illegible]	55	...	...	...	45.2
354½	260½	Weir	266	-2	...	3.1	16.0
737	446	Wellcome	662	-5	...	1.2	15.9
230	171	Wellington Hdg	175 †	...	...	3.2	16.6
39½	37½	Welman	39	...	...	3.0	62.0
400	254	West Hldgs	349	...	...	1.5	∞
542	356	Whatman	395 †	-4	...	3.5	14.5
394	90	Whessoe	100	...	...	10.2	7.5
147	93	Whitecroft	145	+4	...	1.7	23.6
13½	9½	Widney	9½	...	...	...	...
414½	322	Williams Hldg	333 †	+3	...	4.9	20.6
57	39½	Wilshaw	47	...	...	1.3	23.4
975	705	Wolseley	725	+4	...	2.5	17.6
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	55 †	...	...	1.9	∞
96	70	Yorks Gn	72	...	...	5.7	76.1



INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1498½	937½	Alex & Alex	1251½	-6½	...	5.4	...
2043½	1675	Am Gen	1967	-12	...	4.1	...
86	47	Archer	61	...	...	2.5	...
166	65	Bradstock	65	...	...	6.2	9.8
550	372	Britannic	396	+10	...	4.1	...
117	69	CLM Insce	90	...	1.4	2.0	...
701	491	Com Union	530	+11	...	6.2	20.0
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670	...	...	2.1	17.9
64	35	FAI	35	...	...	1.2	...
194	142	Fenchurch Grp	42	...	...	6.5	12.6
757	525	Gen Accident	563	+15	...	6.3	5.9
247	161	GPE	165	+2	...	5.4	20.4
457	235	Heath C E	246	-1	...	8.2	...
323	236	Independent	251 †	-1	...	4.4	7.1
203	126	JIB Group	131 †	-3	...	7.2	12.0
547	407	Legal & Gen	445 †	-5	...	5.9	17.7
1375	965	London Life	1309½	-16½	...	7.9	5.1
119	91	LMIT	[illegible]	...	...	1.4	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	[illegible]	...	...	7.1	9.0
310	157	Lloyds Thomp	157 †	...	...	6.2	10.3
165	159	Lombard Ins	[illegible]	...	...	5.5	∞
443	315	Londn & Man	332 †	+7	...	6.1	16.5
256	171	Lowndes Lmb	171	...	...	5.5	10.8
5893½	4745½	Marsh McLn	[illegible]	-37½	...	3.9	...
198	147	Nelson Hurst	174 †	...	...	4.0	17.4
127½	109	Orion	119	...	...	5.5	∞
83	35½	PWS	35	...	...	13.6	...
365	271	Prudential	279 †	...	...	5.7	12.0
404	261	Refuge	271 †	+3	...	5.5	∞
350	222½	Royal	259 †	+4	...	3.9	7.2
222	138	Sedgwick	146 †	+5	...	5.1	16.5
156	104	Steel Burrill	112 †	+3	...	10.0	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	74	+1	...	5.1	...
419	285	Sun Alliance	324 †	+4½	...	5.6	9.0
96	71	Trade Indemnity	83 †	+1½	...	1.8	14.0
464	352	Transatlantic	335 †	...	...	4.5	50.3
673	460	Utd Friendly	460 †	+6	...	4.3	20.3
245	133	Willis Corroon	155	+3	...	5.3	15.0
28	20	Windsor	23	...	...	...	16.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	317	+½	...	2.6	...
2058	1703	Alliance	1739	-14	...	3.4	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	413	-1	...	2.2	...
161	117	BZW Conv	119½	+½	...	8.2	∞
219	175	Bankers	181	+2	...	2.7	...
361	311	Baring Tribne	316	+4	...	2.6	...
248	198	Berry Starq	220	...	...	2.2	...
120½	91½	Br Assets	93	+1	...	5.8	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	93	+½	...	1.2	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	38	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	200	-1	...	3.0	...
272	221	Brunner	232	...	...	2.9	...
223	194	Contl Assets	196	...	...	1.9	...
173	147	Derby Inc	159	...	...	13.4	...
328	268	Derby Cap	275	...	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	77	...	...	13.6	...
111	84	Drytn Eng Intl	89	...	...	1.1	...
156	128	Drytn Far East	139	+2	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	626	+5	...	5.2	...
106	85	Dunedin Japan	86½	+½	...	...	...
80	44½	Dunedin Wts	46	+1	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	315	...	...	3.0	...
827	725	Dunedn Wrde	761	+1	...	1.6	...
360	281	Edinburgh	300	+2	...	2.6	...
354	286	Electra Inv	318	+1	...	2.9	...
220	185	Electric Gen	193	+1	...	2.1	...
127	106	English Scot	111	...	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	297	...	...	2.0	...
174	145	Fidlty Euro Val	147	+1	...	0.3	...
103½	87	Fidlty Jap Val	92	+½	...	...	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	292	...	...	0.4	...
145	75	Fleming Chinese	76	...	...	...	...
92	37½	Fleming Wts	37½	...	...	...	...
262	196	Fleming Claver	202 †	+1	...	3.4	...
385	302½	Fleming Contl	306	+3½	...	0.9	...
264	190	Fleming Emrg	199	-2	...	3.0	...
459	327	Fleming F East	364	...	1.5	0.5	...
422	354	Fleming Fledg	354	...	...	1.1	...
120	99	Fleming Hi Inc	93	+1	...	5.9	...
284	223	Fleming Japan	261	+1	...	0.2	...
347	266½	Fleming Merc	284 †	+1	...	2.6	...
347½	280½	Fleming Osea	290 †	+3	...	1.9	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	137	+2	...	1.6	...
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	125½	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	72	+1½	...	1.0	...
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	224	+2	...	0.7	...
145	116	Frgn German	120	+4	...	0.5	...
374	307	Frgn Pacific	320 †	+2	...	1.0	...
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	162	...	...	1.5	...
303	245	GT Japan	251 †	+5	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	154½	...	...	...	...
115½	105	Genl Inc	108	...	...	10.1	...
197	139	Govett Am Smlr	141	...	...	...	...
151	101	Gov Emg Mkts	121	...	...	0.3	...
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	85	...	...	...	...
112	78	Govett High Inc	80 †	+1	...	7.0	...
429	349	Govett Oriental	396	+1	...	0.3	...
346	236	Govett Strategic	242	+2	...	3.5	...
475	410	Greenfriar	419	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	89½	...	...	...	...
99	91	Inv Biotech	91	...	...	...	...
50	30	Inv Wts	34	...	...	...	...
155	122	Inv Cap	126	+1	...	5.1	...
119	94	JOS UK Smlr	98	...	...	3.6	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	160	...	...	...	...
243	195	Kleinwort Chrt	197	+2	...	3.3	...
88	75½	Klwrt Euro Pvt	77	+½	...	...	...
49	23½	Klwrt Euro Wts	27	-½	...	...	...
272½	230½	Klwrt O'seas	234½	-2½	...	1.8	...
165	131	Klwrt Smlr	131 †	-1	...	3.0	...
826	672	Law Debenture	717	+1	...	3.0	...
227	190	Majedie	195	...	...	3.2	...
324	237	Merchants	257 †	+1	...	5.4	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	82	...	...	...	...
45	28½	Mercury Wts	29½	...	...	...	...
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	110	+½	...	...	...
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	40½	+½	...	...	...
2067½	2067½	Merrill Lynch	2125	+37½	...	...	...
597	492	Monks Inv Tst	520	-2	...	1.5	...
159	127	Morg Grenf Inc	137	...	...	4.2	...
[illegible]	41	Morg Wts	52	+½	...	...	...
111	87	Mm Gren Assd	102	-1	...	...	...
[illegible]	30	Murray Wts	37	-1	...	...	...
146	104	Murray Ent	114	+4½	...	2.2	...
56	34	Murray Wts	36	+2	...	...	...
[illegible]	54	Murray Euro	59	...	...	0.5	...
27	18	Murray Wts	17	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	317	Murray Income	329 †	+4	...	4.5	...
765	534	Murray Intl	725 †	+1	...	4.6	...
549	434	Murray Small	474	+1	...	1.1	...
[illegible]	82	Murray Spl Inc	86	...	...	5.4	...
174	135	Murray Spl Cap	142	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	2550	Murray Spl C Uts	2650	...	...	4.6	...
162	153	Murray Spl PF	155½	...	...	...	...
367	303	Murray Vent	303	...	...	4.7	∞
86	61	Newport Inc	62 †	+1	...	9.6	...
408	332	O'seas Inv Tst	352	+3	...	1.1	...
241	174	O'seas Wts	203	...	...	...	...
640	455	Pacific Assets	504	-2	...	0.3	...
542	335	Pacific Wts	350	-3	...	...	...
6400	7300	Personal Assets	6500	...	165	2.6	...
169	[illegible]	RIT Cap Pmr	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
127	112	River & Merc	117	...	...	10.2	...
449	412	Romney	414	...	...	3.1	...
463	415	Rothschild	416	...	...	1.9	...
345	290	St Andrew Inv	316	+1	...	3.2	...
185	154	Scot American	157½	+1	...	3.5	...
368	275	Scot Asian	284	-1	...	...	...
1050	665	Scot Inv	795	...	...	...	...
97½	77	Scot Eastern	92½	...	...	...	...
262½	206	Scottish	212½	-3	...	2.9	∞
264½	206	Scottish Mtge	222	...	...	...	...
133	109	Scottish Value	110	...	...	...	...
1795	1515	Second Allnce	1533 †	+15	...	3.4	...
106	77½	Sec Tst of Scot	83½	+½	...	5.0	...
170	146	Selective Asset	157	...	...	1.2	...
51½	37	Sphere Inv	42	...	...	10	...
225	149	TR Far East	162	...	...	4.0	...
177½	137½	TR City Of Lon	141	+1½	...	4.7	...
124	96	TR Pacific	117½	...	...	0.2	...
47½	32	TR Property	33	...	...	3.4	...
152	106	TR Tech Inv	109	+1	...	2.0	...
225	162	TR Smlr Cos	166	+1	...	2.5	...
412	310	Temple Bar	324	+3	...	5.2	...
135	102	Tarpain Asian	108	...	...	0.6	...
10½	7½	Throgmorton	7½	...	...	3.5	...
569	466	Throg Dual Cp	493	+2	...	...	...
259	233	ISPC Invest	237 †	...	...	2.4	...
129	113	Value Inc Tst	109	...	...	4.6	...
257	205	Witan	226	+1	...	7.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
576½	417	Airtours	491	...	...	2.5	15.6
40	19	Ald Leis	19	...	...	1.3	∞
177	145	Alpha Airpts	146 †	...	...	...	...
131	85	Baldwin	113 †	...	...	3.9	14.4
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	279 †	...	...	4.5	11.6
365	251	Bournes Hwks	345 †	+1½	...	1.9	20.4
205	153	Border TV	169	...	...	3.0	14.1
7½	3	Brent Walker	3	...	...	...	...
200	100	Bristol Scotts	168	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	...	...	...	...
74	27	Campari	37	...	...	...	...
439	325	Capital Radio	352	-3	...	3.2	21.0
1047	797	Carlton Comm	925	+14	...	2.9	19.3
237	114	Chrysalis	279	+36	3.2	1.7	...
374	308	Compass Gp	318	...	...	2.7	16.7
340	232	Eurocamp	295	-1	4.4	4.6	11.1
215	95	Euro Disney	91	...	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
455	306	Fairline Boats	415	...	...	3.6	26.9
131	97	First Choice	116	...	...	3.8	...
350	262	First Leisure	263 †	...	...	3.2	17.5
476	394	Flextech	421	+1	...	...	...
1035	675	GWR Gp	908	...	...	1.4	32.4
256	126	Grampian	137	-1	...	2.9	17.8
172	104	HTV Group	147 †	-1	...	1.5	32.0
36	35	Hi-Tec Sports	35 †	...	...	6.0	5.1
18½	11½	Kunick	13½	...	...	...	...
255	200	London Clubs	240	-1	...	6.2	12.2
702	539	Man Utd	659 †	-5	...	4.0	∞
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
67	54	Northern	67	-2	...	3.8	∞
102	65	The Pelican Gp	68	-1	...	1.5	∞
163	126	Prism Leisure	126	...	...	4.1	6.9
41	36	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
279	205	Ramsden (H)	264	...	...	2.1	39.7
625	395	Scott Radio	575	-2	...	2.3	22.6
574	355	Scot TV	430	-44	...	3.7	28.7
49	21½	SelecTV	22½	...	...	...	...
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	328	...	...	2.0	18.5
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
349½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
167	75	Tottenhm Hot	136 †	...	...	0.9	36.5
760	518	Ulster TV	703 †	...	...	2.9	21.8
150	129	VCI	150	...	...	1.6	13.4
149	112	Vardon	123 †	...	...	1.2	21.8
392	150	Yorkshire TV	371	-3	...	...	...
149	110	Zetters Gp	179	...	...	7.7	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762	2509½	Ang Am	3500	+12	...	2.0	33.3
3550	1762	Ang Am Coal	3466½	-16½	...	2.6	18.8
7200½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6909½	-535½	...	3.4	20.7
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	25½	...	...	...	...
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1366½	-59½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	297	...	...	...	...
184	96½	Blyvoor	104	+1½	...	...	...
37	14	Bracken	15½	...	...	5.6	...
898	580	Buffels	812½	-5½	...	6.6	∞
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
966	745½	CRA	874	+2	...	2.4	27.6
55½	36	Chuff Res	40½	...	...	...	...
143	28½	Cons Ins	142	-1	...	...	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1518½	+25	...	3.4	16.2
148	88	Deelkraal	110½	-6	...	3.2	9.8
99½	30	Doornfontein	60	...	...	...	...
1039½	665½	Driefontein	989½	+11½	...	4.3	14.6
928	549½	Durban	891	+12½	...	...	...
203½	107	E Rand Gold	181½	-5	...	9.7	6.9
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	106½	-7½	...	...	...
508½	300½	Elandsrand	508½	+17½	...	3.1	11.9
1239	741½	FS Cons	1096	-15½	...	6.3	11.4
82	27	FS Dev	52	...	...	1.5	...
1918½	1195½	GFSA	1687½	+25	...	3.0	29.3
215½	108½	Gencor	211½	+½	...	1.3	26.8
80½	57½	GM Kalgoorli	57	...	...	2.5	21.5
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	191½	...	...	5.3	9.7
640½	319½	Harmony	607½	+11½	...	...	...
430	268½	Hartles	351½	+1½	...	6.0	10.4
1512½	831½	Impala Plat	1496½	+21½	...	1.6	46.7
1315½	840½	Kinross	1103½	+3½	...	4.3	15.4
1087½	568½	Kloof	1060½	-15½	...	3.0	11.1
137	69½	Leslie	128	+1	...	8.2	7.6
368½	176½	Loraine	323½	-34½	...	...	...
1137½	687½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	∞
162	118	MTM	131	+6	...	1.8	...
1762½	1608½	Minorco	1618½	+12½	...	2.2	∞
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	170	...	...	3.0	25.5
905	790	RTZ	881 †	+9	...	2.9	25.1
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	2.3	17.5
840½	547½	Randfontein	760½	-10½	...	4.1	∞
295	207	Renison	232	+5	...	...	...
1809½	1078½	Rustenbrg	1734½	+9½	...	1.7	∞
756	539½	St Helena	721½	+6½	...	3.6	∞
2667½	1456½	Southvaal	2025	-9½	...	4.2	23.7
143	73	Stilfontein	126	+½	...	16.5	4.3
261½	90	Unisel	197½	-4½	...	3.0	15.3
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6843½	-84½	...	3.7	11.3
1100½	506½	Western Areas	1092½	+15½	...	6.5	10.3
3362½	2050	Western Deep	3312½	+34½	...	3.1	11.6
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	374	+5	...	1.0	∞
1225	605½	Winkels	964½	-9½	...	5.3	12.5
66	50	Zambia Copper	59	...	...	...	...
68	45	Zandpan	65	...	...	7.6	13.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
293	233	Abbey Panels	285	...	...	...	...
140	108	Airflow Stream	132	-6	3.0	2.8	19.9
175	117	Appleyard	118 †	...	...	6.1	20.8
405	268	Blackhe Mtr	270 †	...	...	4.8	11.1
316	180	Bostrom	226	...	...	3.6	16.7
564	390	Br Aerospace	456 †	+2	...	2.5	40.1
57	36	Burndene	38	...	...	6.6	11.1
465	290	Calyns	300	...	...	4.8	20.2
22	13½	Caverdale	14½	+½	...	1.3	14.7
130	98	Central Mtr	98	...	...	4.5	24.2
51	32½	Cook (DC)	37	-3	...	3.4	∞
348	206	Cowie	216	...	...	4.8	10.6
192½	127	Dag Motors	139 †	-2	...	5.5	16.0
158	113	Davnprt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	327	...	...	0.8	...
234	202	Eurodollar	206	+2	...	5.2	16.1
173	106	European Mtr	110	...	...	4.8	11.5
550½	375	Evans Halshaw	397 †	...	...	4.5	12.5
310	226	FR Group	278	...	...	3.4	15.2
2369½	1687½	Ford Motor	1718½	+6½	...	...	...
4397½	2762½	General Mtr	2762½	...	...	1.8	...
90	60	Gowrings	74	...	...	3.5	23.1
342½	246½	Henlys	275 †	-2	...	3.4	14.7
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1119	+8½	...	0.4	...
66	35	Jacks (Wm)	53	...	...	...	12.3
184	145	Kwik-Fit	151 †	...	...	1.3	17.3
573	346	Lex Service	353	+2	...	4.7	13.5
282	162	Lookers	152	...	...	4.7	11.3
239	158	Lucas	194	-17	...	4.6	...
39	24	Malaya Grp	24	...	...	1.3	...
310	232	Pendragon	232 †	...	...	4.0	15.2
236	167	Perry Gp	167 †	...	...	5.2	9.2
218	152	Quicks Group	152 †	...	...	4.3	16.0
304	161	Rolls-Royce	176 †	-3	...	3.5	31.4
361	203	T & N	210 †	+½	...	6.5	18.3
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	315	...	...	2.6	22.6
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	163	...	...	3.5	15.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	196	Adscene	297 †	...	...	2.8	21.0
345	320	Black (A&C)	340	...	...	5.0	14.4
402	213	Blenheim Gp	255	...	...	5.2	9.3
413	365	Bristol	376	...	...	4.1	26.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1337½	...	...	1.4	31.3
1464½	966½	Daily Mail 'A'	966½	...	...	2.0	22.5
314	260	Dorling Kind	282½	+1	...	1.4	∞
630½	5	Elsevier	630½	-16½	...	3.0	20.8
460	361½	EMAP	374 †	+2	...	2.9	23.2
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1603	-2	...	2.6	31.7
194	32	Harrington K	46	-1	...	7.0	∞
515	326	Haynes Pub	443 †	...	...	2.5	26.3
408	337	Hodder H'line	337 †	...	...	2.0	54.9
160	120	Home Counts	175 †	...	...	3.6	42.4
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	215 †	...	...	3.0	10.4
15	5	Int Cm & Data	10	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	288	-2	...	2.6	9.8
669	551	Johnstone Press	626 †	...	...	1.4	23.0
110	43	MAID	51	...	...	...	7.4
492	338	Metal Bulletin	475	...	...	2.9	24.7
177½	131	Midland Ind	132 †	+1	...	2.7	18.1
203	123	Mirror Gp	128 †	-3	...	1.0	∞
514½	364	News Corp	378 †	-14	...	0.4	24.6
314	234	News Intl	251 †	-1	...	0.8	12.3
735	552	Pearson	605 †	+7	...	1.8	30.8
760	644	Portsmth Sund	644	-1	...	2.1	15.9
964	722	Reed Int	761	+6	...	3.1	23.6
349	187	Southnews	227	...	...	1.6	29.8
200	136	Sterling Pub	137 †	+1	...	3.3	11.7
622	310	Telegraph	334 †	+4	...	4.9	11.8
885	695	Thomson Corp	715	-20	30.1	5.3	35.7
472	394	Trinity Intl	396 †	...	...	3.2	18.2
45	18½	Unit Group	35	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Newspapr	469 †	...	...	5.8	11.6

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	24½	Aran Energy	37½	+½	...	...	22.7
51	35	Arcon Intl	46	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Ars Oil & Gas	65½	+½	...	...	...
67	43	Aviva Pet	46	...	...	...	...
11	6	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	84.6
249	197	Br Borneo	200 †	+1	...	4.4	9.4
358	253	British Gas	299½	+3	...	6.2	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	418½	+3	...	2.7	22.0
4½	1½	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
919	811	Burmah Castrl	837	-7	...	4.2	16.4
84	56	Cairn Energy	72	...	...	...	39.6
375	258	Calor Gp	271	+9	...	5.9	12.8
51	33	Clyde Pet	36 †	...	...	1.2	...
30	13	Coplex Res	13	...	...	...	...
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	...	...	...	...
27	17	Edin Oil & Gs	22	+1	...	...	23.7
486	379	Enterprise	391 †	+5	...	5.1	...
28	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
5½	4½	Fortune	5½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	56	+1	...	2.9	21.3
47	31	Gt Western Res	47	+3	...	...	...
177	137	Hardy O & G	143	...	...	0.4	18.3
55	40	Kelt Energy	51	...	...	3.3	...
168	110½	Lasmo	154	+3	...	0.8	...
73	63	Lasmo Units	55 †	...	7.8	16.5	...
75	55	Monument	66½	+½	...	...	74.3
6	3½	New London	4	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	43	...	...	...	...
50½	1½	Petrox	41½	+3	...	...	...
166	148½	Pict Pet	149	...	...	...	∞
112	100	Phoenix Res	103	...	...	...	...
2½	2½	Premier	25	...	...	...	13.6
159	116	Presidio	129	...	...	5.2	...
262	124	Ramco Egy	217	+50	...	0.3	...
467	325	Ranger	400	...	...	5.0	...
7700	6481½	Royal Dtch Ft	6915½	-75	...	4.6	19.2
4064½	3405½	Schlumberger	3564½	+59½	...	2.1	...
65	50	Seafield	61	...	...	...	...
758	651	Shell	710 †	+9	...	4.4	21.5
185	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	129	...	...	...	...
237	179½	Woodside	236	+7	...	1.6	...
110	25	XCL	68	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	139	AG Holdings	139	-5	...	4.7	12.6
444	365	API	365	...	...	2.9	22.9
316	257	Arjo Wiggins	262 †	-1	...	3.1	39.5
730	540	Abbott Mead	669 †	-2	...	2.2	30.3
33	17	Aegis Gp	26½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Coms	169 †	...	...	3.7	19.2
26	16	BFB Design	20	...	...	...	10.3
472	367	Bemrose	387 †	...	...	4.0	23.6
13	6½	Birkdale	9½	...	...	...	...
196	139	Bunzl	166 †	-1	...	3.1	19.5
169	117½	CIA Gp	136	...	...	1.6	22.6
198	129	Capital Inds	168 †	...	...	3.3	13.2
99	76	City of Lon	81	-2	...	6.8	13.4
430	304	Cropper (James)	312	-5	...	1.4	15.7
114	76	Delyn Group	76	...	...	2.7	14.2
137	104	Dolphin Pack	117	...	...	4.9	14.8
87	66	Dudley Jenkins	66	...	...	6.2	14.6
17½	12	Elswick	16½	...	...	2.5	17.9
101	75	Fairway Group	91	...	...	4.7	17.0
430	307	Ferguson Intl	303	...	...	5.2	12.9
145	127	Ferry Pick	123 †	...	...	5.8	...
227	198	Filofax	201 †	-1	...	1.1	19.9
17	6	Fitch	12	+½	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139	...	...	4.9	13.0
275	171	Gold Greenless	176 †	...	...	3.8	∞
34	23	Goodhead	27	...	...	0.2	∞
162	124	Intereurope	126 †	-1½	...	7.7	∞
281	246	Jarvis Porter	278	...	...	2.3	20.0
33½	20½	Lopex	21	+½	...	1.5	23.7
411	344	More O'Ferrall	347 †	...	...	4.8	20.0
425	230	Osborne & Little	389	...	...	2.1	14.7
60	32	Osprey Comms	33	...	...	0.5	...
820	513	Pentals	730	-25	...	2.8	19.7
...	1½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
339	256	Quarto	258 †	...	...	2.9	14.0
412	314	St Ives Gp	315	...	...	2.1	22.1
175	127	Saatchi	155	...	...	...	30.2
902½	494½	Sappi	897½	+3	...	3.1	19.9
30	16½	Senl	16½	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Shandwick	47	-½	...	1.1	7.1
573	398	Smith David	505	...	...	2.7	22.5
499	246	Smurfit (Jeff)	391	+5	...	1.4	55.5
119	64	Somic	84	...	...	3.7	9.0
254	185	Stat-Plus	185 †	...	...	6.2	17.5
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	36	-½	...	2.2	21.6
161	115	VTR	123	+5	...	4.1	19.5
36	24½	WMGO	24½	...	...	2.6	12.0
129	63½	WPP	107½	+2	...	1.2	15.4
270	162	Wace	226 †	-1	...	2.3	14.4
241	209	Waddington (J)	213	-1	...	5.0	10.4
515	365	Watmough	377 †	...	...	3.3	23.9
45	25	Whinney Mck	40	...	...	...	...
132	96	Wyndeham	129	...	...	2.2	16.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	96	Allied Lon	96	...	...	5.2	12.0
48	36	Arcadian	42	...	...	...	...
276	253	Argent	262	-1	...	...	...
19½	2½	Ascot Hldgs	2½	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	116 †	-½	...	2.4	20.9
191	113	Avonside	125 †	...	...	4.4	14.7
2575	2546½	BCE	2251½	+21½	...	...	...
362½	235	Bilton	236 †	-1	...	5.1	17.3
108	72	Bourne End	83	+1	...	1.5	...
276	164	Bradford	165	+2	...	4.4	13.1
474	366	Br Land	401	+6	...	2.3	35.1
137	116	Brightstone	116 †	-1	...	4.0	28.3
276	177	Brixton	184 †	+6	...	5.5	16.4
118	86½	Burford	90	...	...	2.2	29.2
112	100	CLS Hldgs	102 †	...	...	6.0	...
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	149	-1	...	1.3	34.3
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	196	-1	...	4.1	47.2
325	228	Cardiff Prop	228	...	...	1.4	51.0
165	152	Chelsfield	158 †	...	...	1.9	53.6
675	514	Chesterfield	514	...	...	2.9	23.1
112	94	Chetorton Inl	96	...	...	4.3	13.5
84	36	City Site Ests	63	...	...	...	...
12½	6½	Clarke Nickolls	6½	...	...	1.9	13.6
350	285	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	∞
56	31	Conrad Rblst GS	31 †	-1	...	2.0	27.1
1755	1330	Daejan	1330	...	...	2.7	15.5
25½	5	Dares Estates	9½	-½	...	...	...
156	100	Debenham Twsn	100	-6	...	4.4	16.2
17	6	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
129	101	Dencora	166	...	...	2.5	46.6
347½	255	Derwent Hldgs	255	...	...	2.2	22.6
41	21	Development Sec	24½	+1½	...	0.5	...
51	45	Dwyer	46	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	370 †	...	...	3.5	44.7
47	18	Estates Gen	21½	-½	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	112	...	...	2.8	19.6
43½	24	Ex-Lands	27½	-1	...	1.9	∞
80	65	Fiscal Prop	65 †	-½	...	1.2	...
37	24	Five Oaks	25	...	...	1.0	...
78	45	Fletcher King	46	...	...	4.1	22.8
536	407	Frogmore	422 †	+1½	...	5.0	∞
325	228	Grainger	255	...	...	2.9	∞
260	134	Gr Portland	196	+9	...	5.1	37.4
226½	118	Greycoat	123	...	...	...	...
269	149	HK Land	150½	+3	...	4.0	∞
94	39	Hambro Cntry	39	...	...	0.8	39.6
435	311	Hammerson	332 †	+5	...	3.8	33.3
390	298	Helical Bar	354 †	-½	...	2.1	14.2
49½	39½	Hemingway	31½	...	...	1.6	54.1
76	25	Herring Baker	25	-5	...	5.0	...
311½	136½	Jermyn	155 †	...	...	...	77.6
792	588	Land Sec	612	+5	...	4.9	17.4
122	96	Lon Merch Sec	91	-5	...	5.5	13.4
16	8	Lon & Metro	8	-1	...	...	0.4
562	409	MEPC	429	+4	...	5.8	24.7
13	6	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	181	...	...	3.6	17.9
85	59	Merivale Mre	73 †	...	...	3.1	11.2
55	27	Moorfield Est	32	...	...	3.9	...
1425	1175	Mountview	1175	-18½	...	2.4	11.7
196	144	Murklow (A&J)	145	-1	...	5.5	∞
59	21	OEM	21	-1	...	...	...
64	34	Olives Prop	34	...	...	...	12.7
191	146	PSIT	146	...	...	4.0	20.7
300	241	Peel	242	+1	...	2.3	∞
162	145	Pillar Prop	150	+3	...	3.1	...
12½	4½	Power Corp	4½	...	...	...	...
9½	4½	Premier Land	4½	...	...	...	...
53	32	Raglan	34	...	...	...	12.5
40	26	Regalian	26	+½	...	...	9.9
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	...	1.3	10.6
134	107	Rugby Est	107 †	...	...	2.6	...
61	45	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	...	2.9	12.8
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	60 †	...	...	5.6	17.5
100	65	Savills	65	-1	...	4.3	10.5
108	82	Scot Met	86	+1	...	2.3	...
135	99	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
307	221	Slough Estates	234 †	+10	...	4.3	50.0
103	56	Southend Prop	57	+1	...	3.3	...
133	106	Specty Shops	111	...	...	2.7	...
50	11½	Stanhope Prps	14	-5	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	36	+½	...	...	2.0
244	167	Tops Ests	168 †	+1	...	1.6	40.0
165	117	Town Centre	117	...	...	3.7	20.9
107	91	Trafford Park	91 †	...	...	4.3	∞
58	28	UK Land	45	...	...	...	...
317	230	Warner	230	...	...	6.4	21.2
260	218	Warnford	225 †	...	...	4.3	16.6
7½	1½	Wineriade	2	...	...	...	...
103½	63	Wates	67	+4	...	...	...
105	68	Wood John D	68	...	...	3.7	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37	...	...	...	...
173	163	Chamb Phipps	165	...	...	5.5	21.7
202½	138	Lambert	138 †	...	...	6.2	13.0
75	53	Pittards	64	-1	...	3.5	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher	21	...	...	6.0	14.3
181½	151½	Stylo	165 ↓	...	...	2.0	11.1
60	50	UK Safety	50	...	...	6.6	12.0

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	488	...	...	3.4	15.0
71	48	Beckman (A)	48	...	...	9.3	10.3
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	17½	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	196 †	...	...	5.4	20.1
385	292	Claremont Ga	309 †	+8	...	3.0	17.2
593	451	Courtauld Text	466 †	+1	...	3.9	20.9
199½	119	Dawson	129	...	...	2.9	...
42	28	Drummond	29	...	...	...	12.9
80	72	Faupel	75	...	...	8.2	12.7
29	18	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	147 †	...	...	3.6	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	28½	...	...	9.0	11.5
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	230	-1	...	2.5	16.3
73	55	Jerome (S)	59 †	-2	...	1.7	7.5
485	331	Lamont	340	+1	...	4.7	12.9
340	265	Leeds	275	+1	...	2.7	14.0
101	68	Lyles (S)	88	...	...	5.1	∞
266	178	Parkland	178	...	...	3.5	10.6
112	77	Readicut	77½	...	...	5.5	13.3
70	40	SEET	40	...	...	...	...
146	100	Sirdar	101	...	...	7.0	14.1
64	50	Stirling Gp	59	+1	...	4.0	16.3
46	33	Stoddard	33	...	...	6.1	13.4
330	214	Tomkinsons	214	-1	...	4.7	20.2
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8
289	239	Yorklyde	264	...	...	2.3	12.8

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	441 †	-12	...	5.9	11.5
469	337	Rothmans	390	+4	...	4.2	21.8

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	271 †	+5	...	3.3	21.6
541½	440	BAA	496	-22	...	2.3	21.1
128	103½	Badgerline	115 †	-½	...	4.5	...
406½	344	Br Airways	365	-4½	...	3.8	11.4
106	75	Clarkson (H)	85 †	-1½	...	2.6	21.4
592½	243	Eurotunnel Uts	255	-7	...	...	...
67	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...	...
155	126½	IoM Steam	127 †	-3	...	4.3	9.7
63	39	Jacobs (JI)	54 †	...	...	3.8	...
111	89	Lon O'Seas Frts	89 †	...	...	5.3	2.1
534	380	Mersey Docks	396 †	+1	...	3.0	19.2
347	245	Natl Express	312 †	-2	...	3.1	18.0
291	157	NFC	175	-1	...	5.1	26.6
348	246	Ocean Group	249 †	...	...	7.2	12.5
91	58	Ocean Wilson	73	...	...	5.5	9.4
743	594	P & O Dfd	602 †	-4	...	6.3	18.6
198	153	P & O 5.5%	198	+1	...	3.5	...
705	549	Powell Duffryn	557	+1	...	5.3	15.8
102	84	Seacon	98	...	...	3.1	21.6
214	158	Stagecoach	214	-4	...	2.4	21.3
131	85½	TNT	114	...	...	...	...
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	703 †	...	...	2.6	18.0
79	27	Tiphook	39	...	...	...	...
332	197	TDG	207 †	...	...	3.7	13.9
136	96	Upland	135	...	...	0.7	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	101 †	...	...	2.0	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	534	+9	...	5.3	13.9
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	330	...	...	4.4	11.1
751	508	Northumbrian	650	+4	...	4.6	...
611	494	North West	542	+14	...	5.3	...
645	457	Severn Trent	547	+17	...	5.2	...
682	466	Southern	593	+10	...	5.0	...
1750	1525	South Staffs	1730	...	...	3.8	...
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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103	100	Treas 9% 1994	100		8.97	5.64
107	101	Treas 12% 1995	101		11.79	5.67
98	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	98		3.05	5.71
107	102	Exch 10¼% 1995	102		9.98	6.57
113	105	Treas 12¾% 1995	106		12.02	6.94
117	107	Treas 14% 1996	107		12.97	7.28
121	111	Treas 15¼% 1996	111		13.70	7.49
117	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	108		12.22	7.57
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	104		9.61	7.83
121	110	Treas 13¼% 1997	110		11.90	7.97
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	105		9.99	8.01
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101		8.64	8.19
131	116	Exch 15% 1997	117		12.77	8.34
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103		9.41	8.40
106	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96		7.50	8.37
102	92	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95		7.10	8.38
131	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	116		12.04	8.63
140	122	Treas 15½% 1998	123		12.58	8.47
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	111		10.78	8.63
110	101	Treas 9½% 1999	103		9.21	8.58

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	90		6.66	8.53
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	112		10.95	8.69
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	106		9.83	8.66
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	106		9.66	8.71
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	101		8.88	8.65
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	118		10.99	8.83
106	89	Treas 7% 2001	90		7.69	8.74
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	105		9.49	8.85
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	104		9.31	8.88
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	95		8.41	8.60
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	106		9.36	8.87
129	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111		10.29	9.02
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72		4.85	7.57
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	87		7.75	8.68
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	104		9.08	8.79
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	104		9.05	8.77
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120		10.35	9.09
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	94		8.47	8.75
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	93		8.32	8.67
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114		10.23	9.13
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	98		8.62	8.68
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127		10.58	9.09
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	102		8.77	8.67

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	94		8.47	8.66
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	103		8.74	8.65
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	103		8.72	8.63
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73		7.47	8.36
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91		8.43	8.56
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	94		8.47	8.59
159	129	Exch 12% 2013-17	129		9.26	8.60
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	101		8.60	8.57

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	40		8.60	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	28		8.77	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203	177	Treas IL 2% 1996	199		2.99	4.27
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107		2.93	3.70
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165		3.44	3.84
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161		3.54	3.97
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108		3.55	3.96
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	167		3.63	3.86
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151		3.67	3.89
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156		3.69	3.98
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129		3.71	3.98
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137		3.75	3.91
152	129	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131		3.78	3.93
129	108	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109		3.77	3.99
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108		3.81	3.94

Funding changes could hit start-ups

BY DEREK HARRIS

CHANGES in government funding for small businesses could savagely cut the number of start-ups getting help next year, according to the National Federation of Enterprise Agencies. This year, 24,000 start-ups have benefited from government funding earmarked specifically for them, but next year the number could plummet to 5,000, the federation fears.

A new government policy will pool resources for regional regeneration and economic development. Regional bids have just gone in for a share of this single regeneration budget, mostly from local consortia that often include a training and enterprise council (Tec), a Business Link, an enterprise agency or a local authority.

Tecs and Business Links have been tending to get local enterprise agencies to provide business counselling and sometimes training because that has been their speciality. Enterprise agencies with their teams of counsellors — experienced businessmen or professionals such as accountants — have been the largest single source of business start-up support.

The federation found half its members were gloomy about getting any funding in the new round, and even those anticipating some money being available believed that on average there would be 50 per cent fewer places being funded on start-up schemes.

The main worry is that, without specific earmarking, spending on small businesses will depend crucially on a Tec's approach to spending on enterprise in its area. A minority of Tecs give substantial priority to spending to help local enterprise.

There has also been a trend towards channelling small business help to existing businesses because that offers the best chance of creating extra jobs. Mike Horner, the federation chairman, said: "What is needed is a sensible balance in helping the existing business and the start-up. Starve start-ups seriously and it will be bad news for the economy as a whole, which depends on a positively contrived seedbed for business starts to replenish the stock of small firms."



"Sometimes I long for the days of the carrier pigeon"

Fashioning the future

BY JAMES KITCHENHAM

CONNECTIONS and confidence, "that's 90 per cent of what you need for the wholesaling fashion business", said Susi Frith, joint managing director of Frith Dimond, a fast-growing company in Crowborough, East Sussex.

The business, explained Keith Dimond, the other joint managing director, exists to provide a link between a manufacturer and the right retailer for his products. "Through our contacts in retailing, design and manufacturing, we assess what a garment costs to make and market, and which would therefore be the best retail outlet to take it," said Mr Dimond.

Ms Frith and Mr Dimond were both working for a fashion company before setting up on their own at the start of this year. "We talked about it for about six months before taking the plunge," said Ms Frith. "What convinced us was that we had lots of people in the industry who kept coming up to us saying 'why don't you go it alone?'."

A big feature in their success, they feel, is that they funded the venture on private capital and have had no bank borrowings, although their bank has been very supportive. "We started using our local branch of NatWest and as the business grew we were passed on to the Natwest Business Centre at Teddington, where they deal with firms with a turnover of £250,000 upwards," said Ms Frith.

The business was ticking over nicely when a chance discussion with Nigel Glasgow, a young British designer, propelled them into a different league. Mr Glasgow is, among other things, a freelance designer with Debbie Moore's Pineapple Group.

Mr Dimond said: "He mentioned that Pineapple was looking to expand into wholesaling and was seeking a company to take the operation on for them. Nigel put our name forward to Debbie Moore. But it wasn't plain sailing; we had to beat off three or four big groups to get the contract."

The new contract meant a quantum leap in the fledgeling compay's turnover and also a move to its own premises. "We didn't want to go mad and open up in some expensive space in London," said Mr Dimond. "Fashion people quite enjoy a run out of the smoke to come down to see us in the lovely Sussex countryside."

Though the firm still functions with its original team — Ms Frith, Mr Dimond, a book-keeper and one assistant — this has been made possible by the support of Pineapple design, production and management who meet them regularly.

In the meantime, the company has its hands full organising the distribution of the Pineapple range throughout Europe, America and the Far East from a small office in rural Sussex.

TONY WHITE



Bearing fruit: Pineapple Group provided Susi Frith and Keith Dimond with a quantum leap

TIMES

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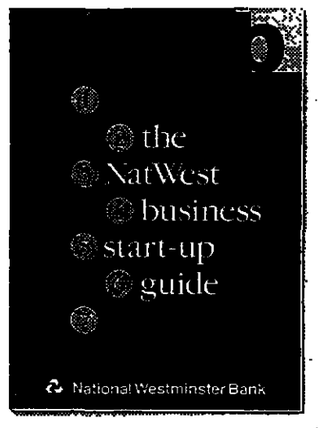
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TONY WHITE

Considerably older than the Beatles, and as anti-drugs as they were in favour of them, George Martin still worked extraordinarily well with pop's finest group

More dogs have listened to *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* than any other pop album. So says George Martin, the Beatles' producer who, next week, 27 years after *Sgt Pepper* was recorded, publishes *Summer of Love*. It is intended to be the definitive document on the making of the album.

Indeed, so definitive is it that it includes a trivia section, in which Paul McCartney is credited for the album's canine success. Having been told that dogs could hear sounds inaudible to human ears, he wanted to record a special something for his dog Martha. So Martin was persuaded to record a 20-kilohertz tone on the runout groove, just for her.

The book tells a story much distorted by time. In an attempt to eliminate errors, Martin sent the finished manuscript to McCartney. He sent back nine manuscript pages of alterations. "There were things even I didn't know — that John Lennon had the idea for the counterpoint in 'She's Leaving Home', for example. I never knew that. Likewise I'd always thought 'Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds' was purely John. Paul said he helped with the lyrics: 'Cellophane flowers' was his phrase, for instance."

If the book corrects a few of the hoarier misunderstandings, it also sheds fascinating light on Martin's working relationship with his boys. *Sgt Pepper*, which took a then unheard-of five months to make, saw the Beatles at their most experimental. And, with the most antediluvian equipment — by today's standards — Martin's ingenuity was stretched. Effects were cobbled together. Martin conjured up cellos, Indian harps and clashing cymbals played backwards.

When Lennon said he wanted to "smell the sawdust" on "Being For The Benefit Of Mr Kite", Martin recorded a steam organ, cut the tape into lengths, threw them in the air and rejoined them to create the circus background. The playout to "Lovely Rita" contains a buzzing noise, made by the Beatles humming through combs, wrapped in EMI's regulation-issue loo paper.

But despite the drawbacks, Martin maintains that he would hate to have recorded the album on modern equipment: digital 48-track as opposed to analogue four-track. "It might have been worse with modern equipment," he says. "Four-track imposed a rigid discipline. I doled out my tracks like a miser. Everything had to be perfect."

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This quest for perfection extended to his personal life. Even in the summer of 1967, the "summer of love", Martin did not experiment with drugs, and he condemned drug use in the band. But there was little he could do. In March, 1967, Lennon arrived at the studio looking "twitchy and strange". Martin took him on to the studio roof to get some fresh air. "John took a deep breath and, with a bit of a lurch, took a couple of steps towards the edge of the building. I grabbed his arm: it was a good 50 feet to the ground. John was tripping on LSD. He had taken it by mistake. He thought he'd taken an upper."

Martin tells this story without laughing. Drugs, he says baldly, "are awful". The Beatles knew of his disapproval, and would "smoke pot backstage and come back giggling. But they never did it until the end of the session. Paul never smoked if he was driving."

Martin, 41 in 1967 and already a father, believes the band "appreciated having rules to go by that they didn't have to impose. They knew where I stood, but we never discussed drugs. It would have been like discussing sex with your parents. They just respected my views, and understood that you didn't mess around when you were making records."

Despite this hard line, Martin is not the Spitfire-pilot type he is often portrayed as being. He is gentle and self-mocking. On one occasion, Lennon, noticing Martin seemed down, gave him a pill. "Here you go, George," he said. "This will do you wonders." Martin showed the pill to his doctor, who confiscated it. "To this day I don't know what it was," Martin says. "Maybe I missed something."

For almost a decade he acted as the glue in the Beatles' increasingly precarious relationships. As well as artistic adviser, he had to play diplomat: "John always felt he didn't get quite to me as much as Paul did." But then Lennon's ideas, he says, were always harder to realise. Lennon was "a very selfish person, who could think only of what he wanted, and was never satisfied". His ideas were "poetically descriptive", whereas McCartney "always knew where he wanted the strings and brass".

When they came to record "Tomorrow Never Knows", on *Revolver*, the album before *Sgt Pepper*, Lennon said he "wanted to sound like the Dalai Lama on a hilltop". Martin put his voice through a rotating Hammond organ speaker. He adds: "We could have got the same effect if we'd slung him upside down from the ceiling and spun him while he sang."

Sgt Pepper was a watershed. With it, Martin believes, "pop moved out of the nursery". The Beatles had opened the door; they made pop music grow up. Or at least, that is what the history books say. At the time, Martin says, it was fun. Before the violent, drug-ridden fiasco that was the recording of *Let It Be*, the summer of 1967 marked a golden period for the Beatles. While EMI waited nervously to see the results of these epic labours, the Beatles indulged every whim, both artistic and otherwise. Lennon wanted to have a picture of Hitler on the album cover. Under management pressure, the transparency was pulled at the last moment. Mae West, initially, refused to give permission for her photograph to be used. "What would I be doing in a Lonely Hearts Club?" she demanded. She relented when the Beatles wrote her a fan letter.

Martin is now 68 and, he insists unconvincingly, retired. He is currently remastering all the Beatles' previously unreleased material, to coincide with the release of a video anthology next year. But over everything in Martin's life looms the shadow of *Sgt Pepper*. In 1991, on Martin's birthday, Paul and Linda McCartney sent him a bottle of 1983 Chateau Margaux. The message read: "Birthday greetings, bottle of wine." "It was a kind thought, but he was a year out," Martin says. "I was 64 the year before!"

● *Summer of Love is published next week by Macmillan (£14.99)*

POP CONCERT: A legend returns to an easy victory

The gruff with the soothe

J.J. Cale
Hammersmith Apollo

LOW-key is one thing. But it takes a special sort of profile not to be recognised at your own show. J.J. Cale was milling about on stage with the road crew for about five minutes, but it was only when the lights went down and he approached the microphone that the crowd registered who he was.

Perhaps the audience was too busy spotting the stars in its midst (among them members of Dire Straits and Pink Floyd), or maybe they had simply forgotten what Cale looks like. It has, after all, been 18 years since the Tulsa-born Southern California resident last bestirred himself to play Britain.

What the crowd had certainly not forgotten was Cale's wonderfully relaxed music, a uniquely intimate singing and guitar playing style that was a formative influence on Mark Knopfler and Chris Rea, and a source of inspiration to Eric Clapton who converted two of Cale's songs — "After Midnight" and "Cocaine" — into rock standards.

A trim, grizzled figure with an unruly shock of grey hair, the 55-year-old began unaccompanied with a leisurely "Cajun Moon". Then, for each of the next five numbers, he added a band member — playing respectively percussion, bass, electric piano, guitar and drums — whom he introduced as "friends" he had brought along for the trip.

After a spellbinding "Devil In Disguise", which Cale and guitarist Christine Lakeland sang as a harmony duet, the band dropped into the groove with the brisk, gentle shuffle of "After Midnight", and never dropped out of it again.

Although he was ostensibly here to promote his current album, *Closer to You*, Cale weighted the 80-minute set firmly in favour of his older material. The rollcall of favourites included "Humdinger", "Sensitive Kind", "Call Me The Breeze", "Money Talks", "Crazy Mama" and the inevitable "Cocaine".

Playing at a volume most groups would regard as unserviceably quiet, Cale's vocal delivery, apparently so gruff and offhand, conveyed tremendous sensitivity, and his casual approach to guitar playing disguised a fluency and depth few can rival.

DAVID SINCLAIR

OPERA AND CONCERTS: Donizetti revived in Scotland; Berlioz in London; and *Messiahs* all over the country

Queen for all seasons

Maria Stuarda
Theatre Royal, Glasgow



Yvonne Kenny in the title-role of *Maria Stuarda*, with "Shadow Queens" Gillian Walker and Kirsten Raeburn

ALTHOUGH *Maria Stuarda* is not the strongest panel in Donizetti's Tudor triptych it is well worth staging. The famous unhistorical slanging match, in which Mary Stuart and Elizabeth I trade insults like royal fishwives, is one of the most invigorating moments in 19th-century opera, and Mary's confession to Talbot one of the most stirring.

The opera is certainly worth staging in Scotland. There is no doubt as to whose side Donizetti and his librettist, good Catholics both, are on. The countless references to perfidious Albion will doubtless have inspired a rosy glow in the collective breast of the audience for Scottish Opera's new production.

And it is worth staging if you have the right singer for the title role, which Yvonne Kenny most certainly is. Her beautifully pure soprano, with its attractive touch of resin at the edge, is as well suited to Donizetti as it is to Handel, and her innate musicianship is impossible to describe in words. Every line, even in recitative, is eloquently shaped. And she acts the role with true regality, her dignity faltering only in the confrontation with her tormentor, when she lingers with such relish on the initial "f" of "Figlia impura di Bolena" that you feel she is about to loose off a string of good old-fashioned Anglo-Saxon expletives rather than a tangy Italian insult.

Peter Bronder, juicy of tenor tone and elegant of line, is perfect for Donizetti, and he made much of Leicester's lovely first-act cavatina. Michiè Nakamaru, born in Japan and active in Italy, made her British operatic debut as Elizabeth. She started uncertainly not quite in focus above the stave, but settled down to lead an authoritative account of the trio in which she signs Mary's death warrant.

Stafford Dean was in powerful form in the spit-and-cough role of Cecil. Young David Ellis hadn't quite the breadth or weight for Talbot.

Richard Armstrong's conducting of Anders Wiklund's new critical edition was on the whole brisk, but convincingly so. His handling of the nervy little accompaniment figures that bind the dramatic paragraphs together generated a tense energy that served the action well, and if his hell-for-leather strettas sometimes made Donizetti sound like Offenbach, so be it. Most important, in set numbers he always gave the singers room to breathe.

Stefanos Lazaridis's production, in his own set and with costumes by Sue Willmington, was a massively complex affair with a revolving false stage, a huge black box that rose and fell to conceal it, and two *figurantes* who wiffled about as alter egos for the protagonists. This was one of those productions that cried out "isn't this *clever*?", inevitably inviting the answer "no". It would have been cleverer to recognise that *Maria Stuarda* is a simple, earthy piece and concentrate on directing the singers.

RODNEY MILNES

Unto us a child is reborn

The Sixteen/ Christophers
St John's/Radio 2

ALL the world in every corner sang on Saturday night: 157 simultaneous performances of Handel's *Messiah* in Britain, and another 50 worldwide, took place as part of BT Voices For Hospices 1994, an initiative to raise funds for and create awareness of British hospices, 203 of which are funded voluntarily. *Messiah* is no stranger to such events. Its own premiere was given for the benefit of hospitals and prisoners in Dublin; its first London performance for the Foundling Hospital.

Saturday's London performance was a big occasion — the Princess of Wales was in attendance, and there was a banquet afterwards — but quite possibly the smallest in the land. Still, no matter how often they sing it, the *Messiah* of the Sixteen (18, actually) continues to open the eyes and unstop the ears. Harry Christophers' soloists were Lynda Russell, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, Ian Partridge, and Michael George, who shook the heavens and the earth, raged with the nations and sounded the trumpet with typical virtuosity. The evening, though, belonged to choir and orchestra.

As many period instrument performances show, it is easy enough to increase speed, decrease vibrato and whip fresh air into Handel's music. What is more difficult is to achieve arching legatos and a sense of long, broad sweep — and Christophers does it impressively.

Time, too, was played for maximum effect. After the snarling speed of "He trusted in God", Christophers suspended all movement in a deathly silence before Partridge's gravely eloquent "Thy rebuke hath broken his heart". From that point on, everything seemed an upbeat to a paean of hallelujahs and a final crescendo of strength, honour, glory and blessing.

HILARY FINCH

Hidden gems of Berlioz

BBCSO/ Davis
Queen Elizabeth Hall

FOR the latest instalment of its Berlioz-centred "Reinventing the Orchestra" series, the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus came to the relatively intimate Queen Elizabeth Hall. It was a good move. Close up, one can more easily appreciate the delicacy and the boldness of Berlioz's colourings. Andrew Davis conducted another neat and well-balanced package, in which the statutory rarity was *Tristia*, three pieces for chorus with orchestra separately conceived but published together in 1852.

The last one, a Funeral March for the final scene of *Hamlet*, is a remarkable work even by Berlioz's standards. Six melancholy side-drums dead-beat the pervasive funereal rhythm; there is a powerful, martial climax (Berlioz apparently wanted real rifles to sound), and a unison chorus contributes only the tragic syllable "Ah!". The piece was never performed in Berlioz's lifetime, but it would work wonderfully in a production of the play.

Its companion pieces were hardly less affecting, weaving webs of melancholic beauty. The first, "Religious Meditation", is a setting of part of Thomas Moore's "This world is all a fleeting show": the second, "The Death of Ophelia", is as much a lament for the demise of Berlioz's marriage to the actress Harriet Smithson as anything else. A slimmed-down BBC Symphony Chorus sang with lovely control and firm projection even at the lowest dynamic levels, and the BBCSO played with much tenderness.

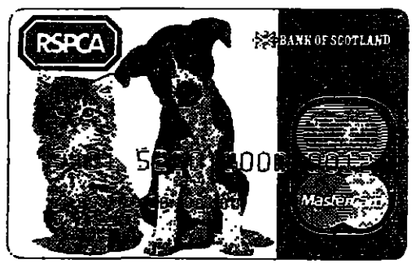
After this perfumed rarity came Weber's rousing, evocative *Invitation to the Dance*, heard here in Berlioz's 1841 orchestration. Though the rescoring for a larger ensemble does Weber few favours, neither does it do much harm, for Berlioz is careful to keep the textures transparent. There were lovely clarinet and cello solos from Damaris Wollen and Graham Bradshaw. Then from Ann Murray came a ravishing reading of *Les Nuits d'été*, exquisitely controlled, intensely expressive, golden-toned, and beautifully accompanied.

All this was prefaced by Magnus Lindberg's *Corrente II* of 1992, a 20-minute piece based on colliding patterns and "scale-aggregates". It is another brilliant essay, brilliantly scored, from a major and original composer of our own time.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on the dissipated energy of Spanish artist Miquel Barceló; plus other shows

A brush with genius? Not yet



"However closely they may purport to be based on specific scenes, Barceló's paintings usually spiral off into a world of his own ordering," as in *Studio with Green Shelves* (1994)

Accompanied by a fanfare of extravagant claims, the young Spanish artist Miquel Barceló has at last been given his first show in a public London gallery. The catalogue essay ends with the judgment, by the French writer Hervé Guibert, that Barceló has already become "the first great painter of the 21st century". Just how anyone can make such a rash assertion is mystifying. Perhaps Barceló's devotees are intoxicated by his fame, for their champion enjoys celebrity status in his native country.

About Barceló's energy there can be no doubt. The Whitechapel exhibition covers the past decade, starting in the year when the 27-year-old prodigy was included in a show at New York's Museum of Modern Art. The accolade became a springboard for his international success, and the earliest paintings on view here are handled with considerable gusto. The vast *Sea Soup* is immediately reminiscent of Anselm Kiefer's work, both in its fondness for a richly furrowed paint-surface and its dramatisation of psychic turbulence. The link suggests how much Barceló owed to the so-called Neo-Expressionism of the early 1980s.

But he could not share Kiefer's German obsession with the traumatic legacy of world war. True, Spain has Fascist guilt of its own. Barceló, however, makes no overt reference to the Franco period. His *Sea Soup* is far more generalised, and the painted orange stick projecting from this marine vortex hints at humour. It indicates that the artist himself would like nothing better than to seize the stick and give the cauldron of his imagination a vigorous stir.

Just as real soups often contain strange, unclassifiable lumps, so Barceló's paintings began to be studded with heaps of matter. The urge to make their surfaces bulge is already clear in *L'Amour Fou*, a colossal 1984 testament where thickly painted books and papers rise up from the heaving canvas. Whether scattered across tables or clogging the shelves of a room, they are brandished as a prime source of stimulation. But the artist, seen reclining and naked on a distant bed, is sexually aroused as well. And the rocky shore beyond the window, with its turbulent sea and overcast sky, suggests a spirit of restlessness, a romanticised yearning to escape.

If wanderlust is expressed here, Barceló has done his best to satisfy it since then. He has travelled voraciously, and now prefers to divide his time between Paris and Mali in Africa. His work has become increasingly macabre, too. Even a harmless Spanish supper cooking on the stove assumes a sinister aspect, as Barceló's exclamatory brushmarks dramatise the sizzling of meat and fish in the pans. A large interior of a Chinese restaurant may appear light and attractive at first. But it soon begins to resemble a chamber of death, with amputated frogs' legs laid out like sacrificial victims on a slab.

There is nothing inherently wrong with dwelling on mortality, of course: Soutine, whom Barceló clearly venerates, painted some of his most powerful images from festering carcasses. The problem arises when an artist's vision begins to overheat. The metaphorical soup can easily congeal and, instead of the "chaotic seethings" at which Barceló says he aims, we find a far less invigorating spectacle.

Take his tall painting of the Louvre, transformed into a black-and-white tunnel festooned with phantom-like exhibits on the shadowy walls. It departs so far from its supposed subject that we are left, unpersuasively, with little more than a set fit for a horror film. Barceló seems unable to stop himself descending into spooky, melodramatic clichés. Perhaps he produces too much, and fails to subject his work to rigorous criticism. In one 1986 painting, he portrays himself slumped next to a table piled with pictures. Exhausted, and in danger of dropping a burning cigarette from his limp fingers, the prolific artist implies that he makes his work in frenzied bursts of activity.

There was a time, during the late 1980s, when he appeared to realise the disadvantages of indiscriminate energy. The paintings pull back from all that earlier gesticulation. They become calmer, and concentrate on stretches of empty terrain. Punctuated only by a few fossil-like forms, the locale looks as arid and primordial as a desert. Barceló made his first trip to Mali in 1988, so this stark landscape was presumably derived from Africa. But he finds a similar bleakness in Europe. *Around the Black Lake* is a barren scene, despite the expanse of water glimmering at its centre. Stone-littered earth surrounds it, and the animals lingering at the lake's edge could hardly be more forlorn.

Surprisingly, though, it was painted in the Swiss Alps. So were the subsequent images of deluge. Pouring the paint directly on to the canvas, Barceló achieves a fluidity of method that matches his theme. Then he sharpens it with a fusillade of short, stabbing strokes, evoking the relentless force of the rain assailing the flooded ground.

Because these desolate pictures bear no identifiable relation to the country where they were painted, we can only conclude that they are mystical rather than dependent on an observed setting. Barceló, however, sets great store by drawing and painting from nature. He insists that "my work is linked to my immediate environment", and the big bullring picture of 1990 manifestly derives from a scene in his homeland.

Even here, though, there is a feeling of removal. Barceló adopts an aerial vantage, so that the entire circular structure of the ring can be encompassed by the painting. The figures and riders ranged in a procession are on display, and doubtless revel in their costumed magnificence. But they look marooned within the great dusty orb. Its parched immensity dwarfs them, inducing a sense of vulnerability that undermines their strutting assurance.

However closely they may purport to be based on specific scenes, Barceló's paintings usually spiral off into a world of his own ordering. *Studio with Green Shelves*, among the more restrained of the recent pictures, may derive from sculpture-in-progress seen in his own *atelier*. But the plaster heads on a foreground table take on a life of their own. They resemble decapitated victims, yearning to become whole again. The studio is turned into a morgue, eerily akin to the abattoir where Barceló must have studied the carcasses dominating other pictures. Blackened and strung ignominiously from ropes, the dead animals are as repellent as he can make them: One is matted with whorls of paint-clogged hair, and its head rests on a skull.

The latter's presence typifies the weak side of Barceló's art. He is too eager to overstate his fascination with decay. A perverse sense of relish invades his preoccupation with mortality, especially when making small images inspired by village life in Mali.

Although he knows his subject well, these wispy little pictures have more in common with prehistoric cave-paintings than on-the-spot observation of Africa today. Sometimes, he is direct enough to show an abandoned horse, its legs splayed in the contortion of death. But most of these works look self-consciously archaic, reducing the inhabitants of Mali to the condition of feeble, hapless spectres. The result is patronising and sentimental.

Barceló reinforces the theme of decay by allowing termites to tear holes in the paper he uses. It is an over-emphatic strategy, manipulative enough to prevent viewers from responding as wholeheartedly as the artist himself would like.

● *Miquel Barceló is at the Whitechapel Art Gallery (071-522 7878) until Nov 20 (closed Mondays)*

ALTHOUGH the would-be definitive show of Whistler at the Tate does not open until Thursday there are already two notable shows on Whistler and his circle at dealers who are known as specialists in the area. The Fine Arts Society indeed has been associated with it ever since Whistler himself was practising the Fine Art of Making Enemies. This time they are presenting, in association with the print dealer Gordon Cooke, a show of 40 etchings and drypoints, a form in which Whistler, justly noted for his skill as a colourist, demonstrated over and over again that his elegantly minimal style could work just as tellingly in black and white.

Michael Parkin broadens the field slightly in "Round And About Whistler," bringing in also artists like Sickert, Mortimer Menpes and the Thames boatman turned painter Walter Greaves.

Fine Arts Society, 148 New Bond Street, W1 (071-629 5116) Mon-Friday 9.30am-5.30pm, Saturday 10am-1pm, until November 4.
Michael Parkin Fine Art, 11 Motcomb Street, SW1 (071-235 8144) Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, until November 11.

☐ During his last 42 years the sculptor Arthur Fleischmann (1896-1990) became part of the British art scene, achieving a certain conservative fame as a portrait sculptor and showing regularly at the Royal Academy. Born in Bratislava and trained in Vienna, he moved around so much in his early life that it is difficult to pin him down to any national identity. But the great eye-opening experience came in Bali, which he discovered in 1938. The extraordinary results are rediscovered in "Bali through a sculptor's eyes" at Joanna Barnes's enterprising sculpture gallery.

Joanna Barnes Fine Arts, 14 Mason's Yard, SW1 (071 930 4215) Mon-Fri 10.30am-5pm, Saturday 2-5pm, until November 5.

☐ One would swear that Colin Moss had to be an émigré artist, such is the un-English intensity of his vision and the expressionistic strengths of his forms. But this neglected artist, now in his 80th year, was in fact born and brought up in rural East Anglia. However, a crucial stage of his training took place in Salzburg where he spent a year studying with Kokoschka. He showed successfully in the Fifties, but the retrospective at the Boundary Gallery, covering 50 years of painting and drawing, is the first one-man London show in four decades. The work is powerful and individual, and the time seems ripe for reassessment.

Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, NW8 (071-624 1126) Wed-Sat 11am-6pm, until November 3.

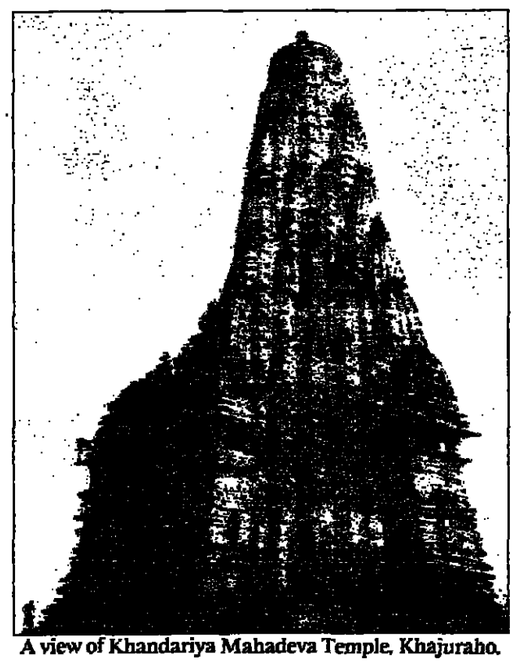
☐ Another long-neglected artist, Denis Mathews, is having his first one-man show in London for 35 years. He too is now 80. In the early paintings and monotypes upon which this show concentrates there is, when required, a rich colour sense in operation, but one is always conscious of the strong and flexible line.

Bartley Drey Gallery, 62 Old Church Street, SW3 (071-352 8686) Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, until Saturday

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Gentleman's relish for India

David Gentleman is one of the few artists to capture the subcontinent's dignified diversity



A view of Khandariya Mahadeva Temple, Khajuraho.

THE easier it is to photograph a place, the harder it is to tame it in paint. If Oxford is an apt illustration of this thesis, India is an emphatic one.

India has been ill-served by painters. For every one who has smothered his canvas in sentiment or awe, there is another whose technique has wilted under the weight of the subject.

David Gentleman, however, is an exception. His technique is nourished — not hindered — by his obvious affection for the place and its people. And there is a certain humility that is never far from the surface — in his painting of *Dashashvamedha Ghat, Varanasi*, as in others, there is a punctiliously correct rendering of signs in the *devanagari* script.

Yet Gentleman is never Cartesian. His studies of Indians have none of the ethnological currents that one can still detect in the Victorian photography of Forbes Watson and Kaye; nor are his paintings of the country's architecture driven by a sense of documentary duty, as in the works of the Daniells. Some of his figures — such as the black-robed Tamil lawyers outside the *High Court, Madras*, or the mendicant in the foreground of the *Royal Exchange, Calcutta*, have about them the flavour of Phiz. And his elephants are the first cousins of those in Rajput and Moghal painting.

To compare Gentleman's art to others, however, is unnecessary. His is a particular method, born of an eye for the everyday, or what fashionable Indian historians call "the subaltern". His *Home Interior In A Fisherman's Village* is memorable: in it, the artist captures the dignity-in-adversity of ordinary Indians as deftly as he does the baroque ornamentation of Dravidian temples. Some of these paintings should hang in the National Gallery in Delhi. Is its curator listening?

TUNKU VARADARAJAN

● Watercolours of India *is at the Mercury Gallery, 26 Cork St, London W1 (071-734 7800) until Saturday*

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Why read the Booker list when you can watch *The Late Show* instead, asks **Andy Lavender**

Late developers

If it is October it must be the Booker Prize. And if it is the Booker Prize, it must be BBC2's *Late Show* discussion of the Booker shortlist, a *fest* of disputation and mudslinging. If you had to assemble the quintessential *Late Show* panel, it might include Germaine Greer (for polemic), Tom Paulin (for iconoclasm) and A.S. Byatt (for balance), and it would be chaired by Sarah Dunant. As it happens, this is exactly the line-up for this year's Booker programme, transmitted live from the Guildhall tonight. Following the prize-giving ceremony Mark Lawson, the new "star" of Thursday night's *Late Review*, will interview the winner.

Launched in 1989, *The Late Show* has been around for long enough to be part of television's furniture, ensconced in BBC2's evening schedule as a kind of Costello to *Newsnight*'s Abbott. But the programme's very longevity has concealed the ways in which it has realigned its treatment of the arts. Who can forget those earnest reports on New York conceptual artists that nobody would ever hear of again; or the awesomely vapid programmes explaining, in around 40 minutes, such phenomena as "The Eighties". Nowadays, *The Late Show* seems to try less hard and succeed more often.

"The problem with a long-running programme like *The Late Show* is that it's quite difficult to get attention for it," admits Michael Poole, the programme's editor. The new tactic, then, is to segment the week's four offerings: an "event" on Monday nights (yesterday's "face to face" with Salman Rushdie for instance); the usual magazine format on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and *Late Review* on Thursdays, the programme which best exemplifies the shifts in thinking behind BBC2's treatment of the arts. Each *Late Review* covers a wide span, from computer games to action movies to art exhibitions.

"*Late Review* is an attempt to bring a slightly different kind of talk into the studio," says Poole. "Slightly more relaxed, entertaining and conversational. It deals with both 'high' and 'low' culture in a manner that reflects the way most people live now. I was keen to scotch the idea that *The Late Show* is not accessible to a general audience. You don't have to be a chattering class luvvie to watch it."

But you do, perhaps, to be on it. The luvvies charged with making *Late Review* more accessible are the regular panel of Tony Parsons, Tom Paulin, Allison Pearson and the presenter, Mark Lawson, who steers proceedings with a genial hand and sardonic tongue.

Three out of the four, significantly, are journalists: it is now the newspaper writer rather than, say, the novelist or the philosopher, who is the expert analyst of modern culture. And amid the chat, *Late Review* shares with radio programmes like *Salon* and *The Moral Maze* (newly transferred to BBC2) the notion that pundits are not hired solely for their punditry. They are performers in their own right, delivering a verbal pirouette here, an intellectual backflip there. This is the age, to borrow Terry Eagleton's phrase, of the Critic as Clown.



Late Show hosts. Mark Lawson and Sarah Dunant

Late Review's non-journalist — its token intellectual — is Tom Paulin, Oxford don and poet, who also appears annually on the programme's Booker panel. "This is the only country in the world that has two major periodicals devoted entirely to book reviews, the *Times Literary Supplement* and *London Review of Books*," says Paulin. "I think that critical journalism is a fantastically important part of a living culture. *Late Review* is a very necessary attempt to put the critical buzz around a few things that are coming out that week."

Clearly the relaxed chat format of *Late Review* is a response to charges that *The Late Show* serves a cultural elite. Channel 4's arts programme, *Without Walls*, enters the fray later this month with a pair of spoofs entitled *The Night Show*. C4's commissioning editor for arts and music, Waldemar Januszczak, used to be a *Late Show* presenter. "It seemed a shame to put all that experience to waste," he says. Both spoofs exhume figures from the past, featuring interviews with Lucrezia Borgia (on arts patronage), and Shakespeare.

This is a lurky, post-modern romp, but Januszczak claims that the programme also tells you a great deal both about Shakespeare and the way that arts programmes are made. Having seen a rough cut I feel bound to differ, but the implicit criticism remains: *The Late Show* has become a prisoner of its own, not particularly noble, conventions. "If Tom Paulin goes on these shows thinking that he is there to contribute to a progressive critical culture then, alas, he is living in cloud-cuckoo land," Januszczak insists. "The reason they get Tom Paulin is for him to be rude about something."

This gets to the nub of arts review programmes. Are the participants required simply to rehearse their prejudices and stir up a bit of gratuitous controversy? In their way, discussion programmes are like soap operas in microcosm: "characters" provoke in the viewer anything from astonishment to admiration. And an arts programme which has its audience nodding in agreement or groaning in disbelief surely makes critics of us all.

Meanwhile the glitterati pull on their dinner jackets again. "I used to think that the Booker Prize was nonsense," says Paulin. "Full of glitz and stupidity. But I've shifted to think it's a good thing. It's the one moment in the year when books are centrally part of the culture. Lots of people are talking about them."

Which of course is the point. You don't have to have written a book to hold an opinion about someone else's, and informed opinion is grist to the cultural mill. The chattering continues.

● *The Late Show's Booker discussion is at 9pm tonight on BBC2. The interview with the winner is at 11pm. Channel 4's Without Walls starts a new season on October 25*

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

MOSCOW STATIONS: Opening night for Tom Courtenay's acclaimed one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground — a modern Odysseus in search of spiritual values. Ian Brown directs the Traverse Theatre production, first seen at the Edinburgh Festival. Designs by Tim Hatley.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS: Sir Neville Marriner celebrates the orchestra's 35th anniversary with a programme of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor (soloist, Christian Tetzlaff), Schumann's Symphony No 4 and the premiere of Sally Beamish's *Walking Back*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm.

A PASSIONATE WOMAN: Stephanie Cole takes the lead in Kay Mellor's new play, on her way to the West End for the first time since appearing in *Steel Magnolias*. A mother's attic becomes a refuge on the morning of her son's wedding to contemplate her own life and the choices that lie ahead.
Richmond, The Green, Richmond (081-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Birmingham Royal Ballet opens its autumn season tonight with a mixed programme of three one-act ballets. Massine's *Le Tricorne (The Three-Cornered Hat)* is one of this century's dance masterpieces, with Falla's music and Picasso's original designs. Ashton's *Enigma Variations* appears as the middle-work, subtitled *My Friends Pictured Within* and set in Elgar's country home in Worcestershire in 1898. With these comes *Galanteries*, David Bintley's suite of dances to music by the young Mozart.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street (021-622 7486). Tonight-tomorrow, and Oct 21-22, 7.30pm; mats Wed: 2.30pm. In rep with *Romeo and Juliet* from Fri.

NEWCASTLE: Patricia Routledge has resumed her role as that nice deranger of epitaphs, Mrs Malaprop in Sheridan's **The Rivals.** Richard Cottrell directs a finely uncluttered production, with Richard Johnson, James Simmons, Emily Raymond and Adam Godley. On tour with a promise of a pre-Christmas London run.
Theatre Royal, Grey Street (091-232 2061). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm.

GLASGOW: Beethoven's *Fidelio* is the second new production in the **Scottish Opera** season. Tim Albery directs; music director Richard Armstrong conducts; designs by the young Stewart Laing. With Elizabeth Whitehouse and Michael Pabst.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (041-332 9000). Tonight and Fri, 7.15pm.

IPSWICH: Shared Experience starts off its new touring play, **The Danube** by the Obie Award-winning author Maria Irene Fornes: an East meets West love affair in 1930s Budapest. Nancy Meckler directs.
Wolsey Studio, Civic Drive (0473 253725). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 2.15pm and Sat, 4.15pm.

MANCHESTER: Synge's comic masterpiece **The Playboy of the Western World** is a very popular production at the moment and leading Scottish company Communicado presents its version at the Dancehouse this week.
Dancehouse, Oxford Road (061-242 2555). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: A Bitter Truth. Avant-Garde Art and the Great War (071-638 4141). **British Museum:** Prints of the Barbizon School (071-636 1555)... **Hayward:** The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144). **National Portrait Gallery:** Master Drawings from the NPG (071-306 0055). **National Gallery:** Ideas Personified (071-839 3321)... **Royal Academy:** The Glory of Venice (071-439 7438). **Serpentine:** Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075). **Tate:** Rebecca Horn, Sculptors' Drawings (071-887 8000)... **V & A:** Sailing Lifestyle. 30 Years of Habitat (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BABIES:** Jonathan Harvey's clever if chaotic comedy, set at a schoolgirl's birthday party, where sexual longings get out of hand.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071 730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Oct 22.

☐ **THE DAY THE BRONX DIED:** Michael Henry Brown's tough but old-fashioned "message" play about urban violence, mainly set in 1968 before the death of Martin Luther King.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (071-328 1000). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2pm and Sat 4pm. ◪ Final week.

☐ **THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE:** Christopher Morahan's excellent staging of Shaw's study of honour, true and hypocritical, in the American War of Independence. Strong performances from, among others, Richard Bonneville, Paul Jesson, Daniel Massey.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat Thurs, 2pm. ◪

■ **ION:** Nicholas Wright directs a rare staging of Euripides's tragi-comedy, neatly described a "drama of epic characters with domestic problems". Jude Law plays the boy dismayed to learn that Apollo raped his mother.
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. ◪

◪ **KING LEAR:** Award-winning Lancashire company Kaboodle play central London for the first time with its dynamic, highly visual production.
Bloomsbury, Gordon Street, WC1 (071-388 8822). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7pm. Opens Thurs. ◪

☐ **900 ONEONTA:** David Beaird's Gothic shock-horror satire of a rotten Southern family steeped in sex and incompetence. Totally over the top but weirdly exhilarating.
Ambassadors, West St, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm.

◪ **NEVILLE'S ISLAND:** Tony Slattery heads a strong cast playing a quartet of businessmen disastrously lost in the fog during a team-building exercise in Lakeland. Jeremy Sams directs Tim Firth's shrewd play.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Wed, 2.30pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm.

☐ **ON APPROVAL:** Peter Hall's production of the Lonsdale evergreen about two ill-assorted couples. With Anna Carteret, Martin Jarvis, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Now previewing, 8pm; opens Oct 13. ◪

◪ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND:** Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical, transferred from Birmingham Rep. Showbiz and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage; terrific island sets.
Island (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, off Kingsway, WC2 (071-494 5090). Mon-Fri 8pm; Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm; mat Wed, 3pm. ◪

☐ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG:** Limited run here for the Greenwich Theatre production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THE SLAB BOYS TRILOGY:** A revival of the plays of John (*Tutti Frutti*) Byrne, first seen in 1982. The lives of three hopefuls from youth to middle age, struggling to avoid a lifetime of toil in a Paisley carpet factory.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). In rep or as a Saturday marathon. Until Nov 12. ◪

◪ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE:** David Suchet's sublimely funny performance as Sid Field. William Humble's superior stage bio of a comic genius, first staged at The Drum, Plymouth, earlier this year.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Now previewing, 7.45pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044)... ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317)... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072)... ☐ **Copacabana:** Prince of Wales (071-839 5972)... ☐ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951)... ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070)... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045)... ◪ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060)... ☐ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404)... ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan:** Albery (071-867 1115)... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400)... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443)... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400)... ☐ **She Loves Me:** Savoy (071-836 8888)... ☐ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665)... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (071-344 0055)... ☐ **The Winslow Boy:** Globe (071-494 5065) ◪ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

FUNNY MAN (18): Tiresome low-budget British horror comic, with Tim James as a real-life joker in the pack. Writer-director, Simon Sprackling.
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE LION KING (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots.
Odeon Leicester Sq (0426 915683)

MINA TANNENBAUM (12): Romane Bohringer and Elsa Zylberstein enliven an uneven story of two Jewish friends in Paris. Writer-director, Martine Dugowson.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

CURRENT

BAD BOY BUBBY (18): Australian director Rolf de Heer's inventive and disturbing tale of a 35-year-old innocent at large. With Nicholas Hope.
Plaza (0800 888997)

◆ **CITY SLICKERS II** (12): Overly disjointed sequel to the 1991 hit, with Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Jon Lovitz and Jack Palance. Paul Weiland directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. Phillip Noyce directs the best Jack Ryan adventure so far.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

COLOR OF NIGHT (18): Tawdry, unpleasant erotic thriller, with Bruce Willis as a therapist dogged by a murderer. With Jane March, director, Richard Rush.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG): Hick becomes company boss. Ritzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233)

LADYBIRD LADYBIRD (18): Volatile mother versus social services. Emotionally devastating drama from Ken Loach, based on a true story, with a powerful performance by Crissy Rock.
Lumiere (071-836 0691)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

MR JONES (15): Contrived romantic drama about a manic depressive (Richard Gere) and his doctor (Lena Olin). Director, Mike Figgis.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

PEEPING TOM (18): Michael Powell's voyeuristic horror film of 1960, alternately clever, dull and unpleasant. With Carl Bohm and Anna Massey.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

THE RED SQUIRREL (15): Fresh and frisky anti-machismo frolic by rising Spanish director Julio Medem. With Emma Suarez and Nancho Novo.
Metro (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

SIRENS (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15): Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia; director, Luis Mandoki.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332) **Warner** (437 4343)

WYATT EARP (12): Over-solemn and reverential epic, with Kevin Costner as the lawman, and Dennis Quaid as Doc Holliday. Lawrence Kasdan directs.
Warner (071-437 4343)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on a funny, charming revue; plus more London openings

Chapatis with nearly everything

D'Yer Eat With Your Fingers?!
Theatre Royal, Stratford East

Indhu Rubasingham, the director of this attractive and often amusing revue, declares in the programme that his company's aim is to present young British Asians "as we really are, to define and examine our own identity rather than having it done for us". Judging by the wildly appreciative laughter of the mostly young, British and Asian first-nighters, they touch some ticklish nerves too. And for those of us who do not fall into that category, they provide an illuminating look at a segment of society often forgotten or overlooked.

The threat of skinheads and the British National Party — surprisingly, given the theatre's address — is not prime among their concerns. Political problems seem to be less immediate than the personal ones posed by parents still in thrall to the old ways and trying to impose the old values.

Two ladies sit at a bus stop, dolefully agreeing that children who smoke will certainly evolve into drug addicts. A girl complains that she has to get permission a month in advance to go out with a boy, and another jokes that with arranged marriages "you don't meet the man until you die". There is even a spoof advertisement for an artificial hymen: instant virginity for those who expect brides to be pure and un-British.

"I say party, they say study. I say potato, they say aloo," goes a parody of Cole Porter. "Let's call the whole thing off." But behind the mildly rebellious fun there is confusion, frustration and a sense of loss. The performers send up the gormless Indian who says things like "your eyes are lotus blossoms and your posterior could launch a thousand ships". But they do not dispute what he tells them before being deported from Heathrow: "You're all screwed up. You don't know the difference between your chapatis and your chips. You don't know who you are."

MARILYN KINGWILL



"There are no chips on the company's shoulders. Indeed, they are perpetually laughing at themselves and their own generation": Akbar Kurta, Paul Sharma and A.J. India in *D'Yer Eat With Your Fingers?!*

Serious stuff; but the prevailing tone is good-natured and good-humoured. Wherever the chapatis may be, there are no chips on the company's shoulders. Indeed, they are perpetually laughing at themselves and their own generation.

If morose mothers and demanding fathers are a target, so are the likes of Jez, who prances and frolics onstage wearing yellow dungarees, an orange shift, a reversed baseball cap, a Christian crucifix and an Indian medallion. He comes from Birmingham, lives in Clapham, and whoops, chuckles and sobs as he describes himself as a "free-range" person, who belongs nowhere. He is absurd, sad, and both at once.

D'Yer Eat With Your Fingers?! is an attempt to do for those with sub-continental origins what the revues successfully mounted at Stratford East by the Posse and the BiBi Crew have done for British blacks. Not all the numbers work: the writing can be samey and lacking in comic flair: but there is no resisting the nimble, perky skills of A.J. India, Syreeta Kumar and the rest of Rubasingham's cast. Whatever their difficulties with their cultural identities, their professional ones are impressively in place.

Blunt end to time's arrow

The Mark
Cockpit

THE three parts of David Ashton's play tell the story of two brothers backwards. In the 45-minute monologue, *Knifey*, we meet the survivor; in the 20-minute *One Singer One Song*, the parents grieve and bicker beside a coffin; and in the 25-minute *King of the World*, where the brothers are adolescents, we come close to understanding why the elder boy, John, will be impelled to shove a penknife into Tommy's guts.

The Lord set a mark upon Cain after he had killed Abel, but John is born with his mark, a livid birthmark scarring one side of his face from eye to chin. And just as Ashton reverses time in the telling of his drama, so he also reverses the biblical sequence of cause and effect. The mark becomes the motive.

In the first part, we are in a cemetery where John comes loping into view to put anemones on a new grave. In fact, 30 years have passed since his brother was first buried, and although an explanation is given for the reinterment, I could not make sense of the Scottish slang that Neil McKinven utters at this point. It had something to do with the previous site being hellish, but he could as easily have been describing the horrors of life this side of the grave, or the prison where he has spent the intervening years.

McKinven prowls around, awkwardly tugging the lapels of his shabby red suit, pouring out his life story to the dead brother, although the pretext for doing so is unclear.

The monologue is a remarkable memory feat, but would be sufficient at two-thirds or even half the length at which it is presented. One memory follows another that follows the previous 20 and, from this welter of information, we are left to fish out the essential details of his devotion to the "golden boy" Tommy, rebel and sexual adventurer — although in this regard the timid John dares to be critical, and in a cherishable phrase accuses Tommy of "wasting his crystals".

The parents are neatly acted by Anny Tobin and Jake D'Arcy, but their scene adds nothing to our knowledge of why the brothers grew up as they did. John's shyness and slowness, so the argument goes, derive from his birthmark.

Other boys call out "Strawberry-chops, gie us a lick!" and when the brother (Seamus Gubbins, his hair insufficiently golden) echoes the mockery the flash of the knife will follow.

Daniel Slater's direction does not find a good way to hold our attention throughout the first part, but the coffin scene is tautly done and the last part gains from the sense of a pattern approaching completion.

McKinven, far closer in age to an adolescent than to a 50-year-old, has the haunted stare of a cruelly disappointed child. But the backwards approach that allows Ashton to pounce on the crime's cause leaves the peripheral incidents looking somewhat lost and unnecessary.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Slapstick turns slapdash

A Suffering Colonel
Bridge Lane, Battersea

DO NOT believe the propaganda. Touted as an uproarious farce from the pen of a rising off-Broadway playwright, Kenneth Lonergan's romp about a carnally impotent, berserk and trigger-happy dictator sprawls practically flat on its face. Fair enough, pratfalls are what David Swanson's pint-size Colonel comes down to, charging into walls cranium-first when in a tight corner, launching puny sexual offensives on his coolly recumbent willingly handcuffed spouse, and taking leaps at Tsolvek, his secret agent who lands both the wife and secretary.

But Terry Adams's production is artistically sluttish. There is a yawning gulf between slapdash and slapstick. Too many costumes look as if the actors have whipped them out of their own wardrobes. I also quite mistook the office intercom for a cardboard box held together with sticky tape and given a lick of brown paint. Anyway, Lonergan's play, expanded from a sketch, is essentially puerile and cheaply thrown together.

His zaniness does have sparks: the opening Securitate meeting preposterously turning into a thespians' conference on the state of the arts; a police bulletin rambling off into a boffinish history of Sir Laurence Olivier's career in cinema. The dramatist also has bold theatrical conceits: two macho American spies, their eyes glued to the Colonel in coitus on the television monitor, working up to declaring mutual love. Yet his jokes drag on and Adams's technical chaos holds back the cast's efforts.

Karen Sweet's micro-skirted secretary is giving the part her best shot but is only irregularly Swedish, and Philip Woodford's Tsolvek keeps sliding between Slavic and true Brit. This is as messy as Adams's decision to relocate the action to Eastern Europe while the plot's specifically American intervention strongly suggests somewhere nearer the United States. Woodford, though one warms to him, needs to throw aside stolidity and to spoof 007-style oiled heroism with more ridiculous bravura. Still, tired clichés or no, Lucy Slater's cartoon sexcat (the Colonel's wife), flouncing ferociously in a crushed-velvet sheath, is duskily erotic with plenty of oomph behind her broad acting.

KATE BASSETT

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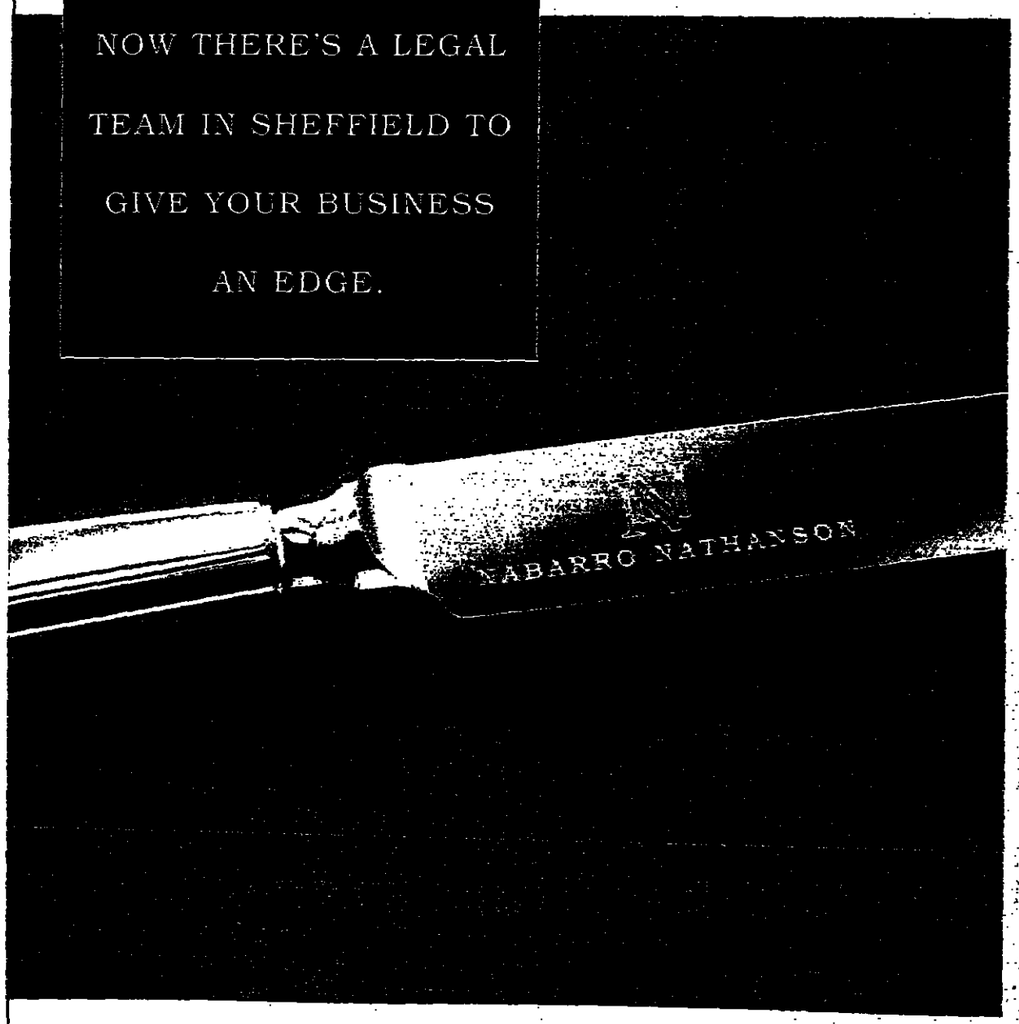
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Rena Weeks shows her delight after being awarded £4.7 million in damages against an American law firm for sexual harassment

High cost of harassment

English firms must take care after the award of £4.7m damages to an American secretary, writes **Nick Gillies**

The recent award of £4.7 million damages for sexual harassment to Rena Weeks, a secretary at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, has been misunderstood. The damages, the largest ever for this sort of injury, were not for what she had suffered. They were to punish the partner and his firm. The damages were a statement that sexual bullying is not tolerable to the public.

Lawyers who dismiss this as a crazy Californian award are deceiving themselves. The jury in Palo Alto awarded compensatory damages of £33,000 but £4.6 million punitive damages in what was clearly intended as a warning to other US firms.

Martin Greenstein, 49, who is reported to have an income of $225,000 (£150,000) a year, was ordered to pay that sum personally as part of punitive damages. He has left Baker & McKenzie to set up his own law firm.

The balance will be taken out of the profits or insurance of the other 500 partners in the largest commercial law firm in the world. To hit them for less would be a fleabite, and effect no change in their future conduct.

The firm has said it will appeal. John McGuigan, chairman of Baker & McKenzie's executive committee, may be right in describing the award to the secretary as "grossly disproportionate" (Greenstein commented on the size of her breasts and ordered her to strike poses), but that is a product of the system allocating the punitive damages to the plaintiff, rather than treating them as a fine, payable to the state.

These were a punishment to the firm for having a culture which allowed the harassment to happen, not compensation to the victim.

McGuigan rejected the view of the jury that such things were tolerated, but added that the firm would be taking a "pro-active, aggressive and responsive approach" to preventing such incidents.

The irony is that the case might have been avoided had there been an adequate response to a similar approach ordered by the firm only five years ago. That was when a Chicago partner, Harry O'Kane, asked a potential recruit how she would react if a colleague called her a black bitch (and mused "Why don't blacks have their own country clubs, like Jews?").

In fairness, both Greenstein and O'Kane were dismissed, and in such a large firm — more than 50 offices in 32 countries — there are going to be a large number of loose cannons. Frank Younson, an employment law partner in the London office, says his office does have grievance procedures and they are now being overhauled. It is introducing an "awareness programme". The case, he says, was a salutary lesson, not just for his firm but "the great majority of others".

What view would the British courts take? In sex discrimination cases, large awards are now being made to women sacked from the Ministry of Defence for pregnancy; similar sums in sexual harassment cases may not be far behind.

In the meantime, law firms would do well to look at the behaviour in some of their offices — a topic that was discussed in depth at last week's Law Society conference. It is often shocking. There was, for example, the case of the leading law firm that allowed women staff to be presented with chocolate penises at the end of a staff lunch. And what chance have young women barristers, pupils and their clerks, if a QC can hush up assault to the point of rape on the wife of an equally senior barrister?

What is the effect on morale in the leading law firm at which a partner is regularly "surprised" by secretaries in compromising circumstances in his office? What is the attitude to recruits of another firm, which allowed a male interviewer to ask a prospective trainee solicitor if she would have an abortion to further her career?

Are many women going to feel that they will get a fair deal at the London firm where a partner witnessed an indecent assault on his assistant and told her not to say anything, because the man was a good client?

The latter two incidents were related to Sally Marsden during her work for the Trainee Solicitors Group and now the Young Solicitors Group (YSG). She says: "What will come out of the Baker & McKenzie case is that people will be put on notice that they will have to be more careful, in this country too."

Her colleague at the YSG, Geraldine McCool, last year's chair, says that the male-dominated "club atmosphere" of law firms, which protected the men and meant that harassment complaints were discouraged is beginning to disappear as women obtain more seniority.

But, Ms Marsden points out, the same seniority means "women must be careful too". She thought it was "only a matter of time" before a woman found herself accused of abusing her power.

But both Ms Marsden and Ms McCool were hard-nosed about what women lawyers must expect as part of their work. They had no sympathy for the excesses of political correctness, and Ms Marsden said that women lawyers' jobs put them in situations where they would need to stand up for themselves.

Ms Marsden recalled a Manchester lawyer being chased around a hotel bedroom by a client earlier this summer. "If clients don't have a local base, you often have to meet them at their hotel," she said. "But I would not meet them in their room — not on my own. It's up to us to be aware of situations developing and deflect them."

● *Nick Gillies is litigation editor of* Legal Business *magazine.*

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Sir William's primary contribution has been the successively fatter editions of his textbook, *Administrative Law*. It was first published in 1961. The seventh edition of his work, co-written with Dr Christopher Forsyth of Robinson College, Cambridge, was published two weeks ago (Oxford University Press, hardback £50, paperback £27.50).

Together with the late Professor Stanley de Smith, whose *Judicial Review of Administrative Action* was first published in 1959, Sir William served as midwife at the birth of a subject. Sir William and Dr Forsyth are very careful to give us an objective account of the progress of this child since it came into the world, although there are occasional hints of irritation and surprise at the path which has been followed, bursts of pride at obstacles previously overcome, and expressions of good wishes for future development.

Mr Justice Fortescue pointed out in 1723 that the original precedent for complying with natural justice was God's conduct in the Garden of Eden, when he gave Adam and Eve the right to be heard in their own defence before they were convicted and punished. These principles were rediscovered by the House of Lords in 1963 in *Ridge v Baldwin*, and have now expanded into principles of procedural fairness which embrace legitimate expectations to be consulted before some decisions are made.

The principle of substantive judicial control of discretionary power was revitalised in 1968 by the House of Lords in *Anisminic*, with the judges asserting power to grant a remedy for any error of law (whether or not jurisdictional) by a body exercising statutory powers, even where Parliament had attempted to exclude judicial control. The question today is how the courts will apply what Wade and Forsyth describe as the judicial standards of "administrative good behaviour" and whether, as Wade and Forsyth hope, courts are willing to grant remedies for errors of fact as well as errors of law.

Wade and Forsyth have maintained and enhanced the reputation which the book enjoys for academic insight and practical relevance, presented with a rare fluency of style that makes reading and research a pleasure. Also published last month was a third edition of *Administrative Law* by Paul Craig of Worcester College, Oxford (Sweet & Maxwell, £29). Its considerable strengths complement the weaknesses of Wade and Forsyth's work. Craig places the subject within the context of political theory and jurisprudence. He analyses the nature of government in the 1990s, assessing the legal implications of contracting-out and the use of agencies. He explains the increasing influence of European Union law. Craig's work is required reading for anyone with a professional or other interest in the relevance and effect of administrative law.

The further guidance now available to administrative lawyers also includes Michael Fordham's helpful and innovative *Judicial Review Handbook*, published earlier this year (Wiley Chancery Law Publishing, £50). It synthesises public law into 50 general principles, identifies the relevant cases, and provides a regular update. A new edition of de Smith's book, edited by Lord Woolf and Professor Jeffrey Jowell, is eagerly awaited and will soon be available. All of these precision tools will be needed over the next few years as administrative law attempts to comprehend and to implement the radical principles it has asserted.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford*

Judges go clubbing

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WE HAVE all just been reminded that Britain's judges are mainly white, male, elderly and educated at public schools and Oxbridge.

But what do they do in their spare time? A survey of 641 judges in *Labour Research* showed they were clubbable; 40 used the Garrick, 26 the Athenaeum, and 31 the Marylebone Cricket Club. One quarter liked music; many others went to the theatre and opera; 25 said they hunted and shot, 83 walked, 72 sailed and 52 played cricket. A fifth liked gardening, or, in Mr Justice Baker's case, "watching others garden". One said he spent his time in "patience and reflection", another "idles and potters". Mr Justice Pollard confessed to enjoying "looking out of the window".

Price of fame

THIS year's Lord Mayor of London will be a solicitor, only the sixth to hold the post since 1732. Christopher Walford, an Allen & Overy partner, pipped Roger Cork, an insolvency practitioner at Cork Gully, to the coveted post. A sign, perhaps, that the Corporation of London believes the recession is over. Mr Walford must hope so. As Lord Mayor, he will have to contribute half of the cost of treating 750 guests to a five-course dinner at the Lord Mayor's banquet.

Press ganged

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Striking statistics

A QUARTER of companies surveyed have experienced industrial unrest in the past year, according to solicitors Dibb Lupton & Broomhead. Peter Nichols, of the firm's 26-strong employment department, says the survey was made in 1993 after the firm noticed more inquiries about union ballots. Trade unionism has remained stronger among the firm's clients in the North of England than in the South.

Love and leave

THE Law Society is expected to tighten rules governing relationships between solicitors and their clients after a report by Michael Barnes, Legal Services Ombudsman. He says, after investigating a recent case, that solicitors who become sexually involved with clients should no longer act for them. The decision should not be for the solicitor. There is also a strong argument, he says, for excluding other solicitors from the same firm.

In memory

JUDGES and senior solicitors, including Mr Justice Johnson, Mr Justice Ward and Rodger Pannone, attended a memorial service for Blanche Lucas, the divorce lawyer, last week.

Stagg support

MICHAEL Kalisher, QC, a former chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, has supported the decision to prosecute Colin Stagg for the murder of Rachel Nickell. The process, in which the case against Mr Stagg was dismissed by a judge, was "not a fiasco but a proper use of the systems by the parties concerned", he said.

Relatively new investigation measures were used, "no doubt after careful consideration and co-operation with all those concerned". In due course, he added, the prosecution brought the material and other more conventional evidence before the court, after Mr Stagg had been committed for trial by a magistrate, which was the "proper way to deal with the matter".

Had the prosecution pre-empted the court's decision in a matter of that importance it would have been rightly criticised, he said.

Offer in court

SOLICITORS tired of waiting for clients to appear can try special promotions, suggests Lawrence Savell, a partner at Chadbourne & Parke, of New York. Perhaps a special offer, "Sue One, Sue One Free", or an incentive-based "Frequent Filer" programme, giving free representation to habitual litigants. He says that after a bruising recession, lawyers must learn to sell their "product" in the manner of Madison Avenue, not Wall Street.

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Can the law stop the yobs?

There is no statute that sets out how children should be brought up and disciplined, says Chris Barton



An offender is secured: but the police have never had official sanction to give children a clip round the ear

As the Conservative Party conference gets under way today, the Prime Minister will no doubt seek to reinforce his anti-yob campaign. But is the law doing enough to help him? What is required of parents, and can the courts discipline them, as well as their children, should the latter transgress?

There is nothing new about cheeky kids, but the law itself now stands accused of depriving the older generation of its traditional sanctions, from the bobby's clip ("...I never went scrumping again" etc.) to the teacher's cane. And in view of the strictures against cohabitation of Alistair Burt, MP, is the position any different for the parents of the 30 per cent of children born outside marriage?

When it comes to unconventional methods of producing and distributing children, Parliament has gone to infinite pains to monitor, for example, the tiny handful of assisted reproductions and adoptions. Yet there is no legal obligation to inculcate a particular code of behaviour into one's offspring, however they may arrive.

This reflects the general lack of parenting objectives in our family law which — charters notwithstanding — is almost exclusively pathological in approach. So far as positive parental influence is concerned, it appears that the law has continued to follow that other Conservative policy of respect for the privacy of the family.

Only a very few parents and children attract the individual attention of the civil courts, be it through private divorce or public care proceedings. Even then, such cases reveal only the arcane list of responsibilities leisurely developed over the centuries; the inventory includes such unexpected examples as the right, and duty, of disposing of the child corpse (1851). In a 1991 case, the Court of Appeal neither confirmed nor denied the county court judge's suggestion that "care and control, protection and discipline ... education and religious upbringing" were the "absolutely crucial" items.

Although the law is silent on the specific standards, if any, that parents should drum into the next generation, it remains bullish on the supposed techniques for doing so. Golden age mythology apart, police officers have never been officially allowed to assault children or anyone else.

At the other end of the scale, it is rumoured that schoolteachers are now being (wrongly) told by their employers and unions alike that something called "The Children's" (*sic*) Act prevents them from as much as scowling at their charges. But parents, Virginia Bottomley has made clear, still possess what is euphemistically termed the right to "discipline" their children.

The strictures in both the European Convention on Human Rights (1950) and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), against "cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment" still leave scope for what Mr Justice Cockburn, in 1861, called "moderate and reasonable" chastisement. Younger siblings will be relieved to know that this caveat does not extend to big brothers, although in 1921 Mr Justice Avory remarked: "I do not say it is not frequently done. I do not say that it does not do any good to the younger brother."

Not all examples of yobbery attract the attention of the criminal law — Mr Major gave the example of truculent glares at one's elders in the street — but where they do, his predecessor had already given the courts the power to enforce parental responsibility.

Margaret Thatcher's Government had intended to create a new criminal offence of "failing to prevent one's children from committing criminal offences" but the Magistrates' Association, among others, pointed out that as young offenders come mainly from inadequate families, such measures could destroy them completely.

So the relevant provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 are more modest in scope. Parents of anyone under 16 who is charged with a criminal offence are generally required to go to court, and may be liable for any fines, compensation orders and costs incurred by their nearest and, as it were, dearest.

Does the absence of marriage make a difference to parental duty? Not much when it comes to financial obligation, where the Child Support Act 1991 is interested in all absent parents and not merely those who were (once) wed to the parent with care. But in two other ways, all four parties involved — both parents, the child and the community — lose out. In both these cases it matters not whether the couple are better at parenting than the average husband and wife, or whether their relationship was just a one-night stand. First, in the absence of a court order or the mother's *pro forma* signed agreement, the father has no legal parental responsibility anyway. Second, even the cursory consideration afforded to children on their parents' divorce is denied to those unwise enough to have chosen unmarried progenitors, always assuming that they have ever lived together as a family in the first place.

These are surprising deficiencies, given that it is increasingly common ground that we stand at greater risk of yobbery, and worse, from the children of one-parent families.

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The legal trade-off in human rights

Edward Fennell reports on how a country's behaviour will affect legal business there

The Saturday morning session of last week's Law Society annual conference was dedicated to a discussion on human rights. The holding of the session was important: it succeeded in showing that mainstream lawyers have consciences and social concerns — proof, if needed, that making money is not their sole preoccupation.

The practical implications of this were outlined last week by Nick Orosz, a lawyer with a top City practice. Mr Orosz announced the publication of *Tibet: The Position in International Law*, a report which he co-drafted of last year's conference of international lawyers on Tibetan self-determination. In doing so he was obliged to ask that the name of his employer be kept secret.

"It is not that my firm doesn't support what I am doing," said Mr Orosz. "It is just that they are trying to build a Chinese practice at the moment and they feel it would count against them if a connection was made with me."

Working by day in international finance, Mr Orosz has spent the last 18 months writing an account of the conference which drew together judges, academics and government advisers from around the world to debate the human rights issues surrounding Tibet's occupation by China.

The situation in Tibet is made more difficult because the country's Buddhist traditions are against armed resistance. The exiled Dalai Lama believes in dialogue to alert world opinion to Tibet's situation.

Perhaps not surprisingly the conference — which the Chinese had refused to be involved in — concluded that the Tibetan people did, indeed, have the right to self-determination, which was being denied by the Chinese authorities.

In reaching that conclusion, the lawyers probed fundamental issues, including the meaning of concepts such as "a people", "a state" and "territorial integrity", which have a relevance in a much wider context — not least in relation to our own constitutional debates about Northern Ireland.

But what difference could the conference make either to the Chinese or to the world of business and commercial lawyers? According to Robert McCorquodale, fellow and lecturer in law at St John's College, Cambridge, who served as a rapporteur to the conference, these deliberations by international lawyers are indeed significant. "I know for example that the World Bank is pausing for thought about supporting investment in Tibet because of its disputed position under international law," he said.



McCorquodale: a legal view of Tibet

"The American government has linked human rights to economic aid and Tibet is part of that agenda. Lawyers in general are nervous about transactions in these disputed areas because they cannot be sure that agreements will stick."

It would be simplistic, therefore, to assume that the business community is indifferent to these human rights issues. Experience in Africa and South America, says Mr McCorquodale, has shown that Western investors are shy of territories under the threat of international legal disputes.

Moreover, given the trend in events in recent years in the Middle East, South Africa and Central Europe, he would not be surprised if one day Tibet regains its right to self-determination.

"Commercial lawyers need to be aware of these issues in their own interests and those of their clients," said Mr McCorquodale. "To enter into negotiation with the Chinese authorities, for example, about developments in Tibet without being aware of the legal position would be dangerous."

His wider view is that while repressive governments may appear indifferent to the deliberations of lawyers, the converging global economy will force them ultimately to sit up and take notice. They cannot enjoy the commercial benefit of the international legal framework without being subject to its human rights dimension as well.

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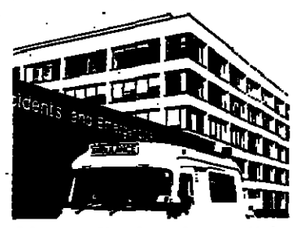
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Topolski back at Oxford's helm

By John Goodbody


JAMES MORGAN

Topolski renews the partnership with Oxford that brought total supremacy

The career of Dan Topolski has a curious parallel in the life of General de Gaulle. Though quite different personalities, comparisons can be drawn between the haughty, autocratic soldier and the charming and infectiously enthusiastic rowing coach.

De Gaulle was the inspiration of France during its occupation in the war, became disillusioned with politics in the late 1940s and then waited, in voluntary retirement, to be recalled by popular clamour to lead France out of the Algerian crisis of 1958 and subsequently become the country's president.

After years of Cambridge supremacy in the Boat Race, Topolski guided Oxford to 12 victories in the 1970s and 1980s, resigned after the American mutiny of 1987, but now has been charged with the task of once again leading Oxford University to victory in an event which they have lost for the last two years.

Just as De Gaulle for many years personified France, so Topolski has personified rowing at Oxford University. He is its very heart and sinew. The mutiny of 1987 was "bruising" for Topolski, although his crew, without the four American rebels, won the Boat Race that year in a dramatic day on the Tideway. However, Topolski had discovered he simply did not enjoy the task any more.

"When you cease enjoying something you are doing for pleasure; when, as an amateur, you get tired of driving up and down the motorway 120 days a year and spending hours on the river, you should stop doing it," he said. And when Chris Penny, one of the American mutineers, was elected president for 1988, Topolski was "unavailable".

Now he is back, as the paid director of coaching on a three-year contract, although the work will not be full-time. Except for the fortnight before the race and three training camps, he will usually be with the crew once a week. Most of the "hands-on" work will be done by Penny Chuter, the chief coach, a meticulous technician and former director of British international rowing. However, Topolski, in typical fashion, has thrown himself into the task with a gusto that worries every Cambridge man.

Although he has not been directly involved with Oxford since 1987, he has watched all the races as a commentator and journalist. "I could see the defeat coming in 1993; there was a lot of complacency," he said. "The crew was not scared of the opposition. There was no hunger. You should never underestimate your opponents in the Boat Race. And when things started to go wrong, they did not know how to put it right."

In four of the last seven years, Topolski has been asked whether he would be available to be part of the Oxford coaching team for the Beefeater Gin Trophy. "However, there was always a little bit of tension, a little frisson and I was not sure about it," he said. "I was also doing other things, like travel writing, and, until the last two years, Oxford seemed to be doing fine."

> 'Topolski is rowing at Oxford. He is its heart and sinew'

However, the defeat last March meant that Topolski, with his acute familiarity with the race, would inevitably play a significant part in preparing the crew for the race in 1995.

He recognises that it will be more difficult to revive Oxford than it was in 1972. "I am on a hiding to nothing," he said. "Cambridge are slick, confident and have a good coaching team. Oxford were in a state of collapse after the defeat in March. There had not been the same commitment as before. But I do not like to see the university floundering."

Asked what he thinks are his particular qualities, he answers "enthusiasm and energy". He does not necessarily think that he is a "great motivator", although the opinion is different in the sport.

"However, I am manic in covering every posible thing that could go wrong in the race or preparation," he said. "I am like a dog with a bone. You should leave nothing to chance."

The Boat Race is a unique event. Even an international oarsman has to adjust to the length, the tideway and the head-to-head pressures. They are something that Topolski understands and something that the rebel Americans did not appreciate in 1987.

Seven years have passed since the mutiny and Topolski does "not have a problem with it now". At the world championships in Indianapolis last month, some of the American former mutineers and he spoke to each other.

However, memories will be rekindled if a planned film on the incident is made. A script has been written based on *True Blue*, the book Topolski wrote.

It is not the only thing that is likely to be rekindled. At Oxford, there is the hope that Topolski will once again work his charm. The attitude at the university is like that of the miner in St Etienne, who in 1947 presented a lamp to General de Gaulle engraved with the words "To the man who lightened us in our darkness".

Lebow the marathon inspiration dies of cancer at 62

By John Goodbody

FRED Lebow, who inspired millions with his promotion and organisation of the New York City Marathon, died on Sunday after a long struggle against brain cancer.

Lebow, 62, was one of the leading figures in the running boom in the United States and his death comes only four weeks before the 25th running of the event which he co-founded and which, this year, is expected to attract 25,000 runners. Lebow had been director of the race since 1970.

Chris Brasher, who was inspired to start the London Marathon after taking part in the 1979 New York run, said: "His death is a great loss to me personally, but also to the whole family of those who enjoyed keeping fit by running, even if it were only for a couple of miles.

"Fred was the founder of all the big city marathons all over the world . He was a great entrepreneur and changed the New York event from doing four loops in Central Park into going through five boroughs."

After running in the New York Marathon, Brasher described the event as "the greatest folk festival the world has seen . . . for the more than 10,000 of us who finished, it was a great personal victory over doubt and fear, body and mind; and for most of us we won only because 2.5 million New Yorkers came out of their homes to feed and water us, to make music and brotherly love and be Good Samaritans to all who felt like dropping by the wayside."

Lebow was born in Arad, Romania in 1932 and lived in several European countries before emigrating to the United States. He began running to improve his stamina for tennis, a recreation from his career in the textile and garment industry.

In 1979, he gave up his job to concentrate on his work with the New York Road Runners' Club (NYRRC), of which he was president for 20 years until being promoted to chairman in 1993. It is now the biggest organisation of its kind in the world and stages more than 100 events annually.

Last year, he ran in the New York Marathon to celebrate his apparent victory over cancer and was accompanied throughout the race by Greta Waitz, the Norwegian who dominated the women's event in the Eighties.

The NYRRC will stage a special tribute to Lebow at the finish line of the New York Marathon tomorrow. Officials, members, sponsors and the public will cross the finish line in Central Park hand-in-hand.

Wallace injury hits Canada's chances

CANADA'S plans for improving their sixth seeding in the women's world team squash championship dissolved in the first qualifying round in Guernsey yesterday when Heather Wallace, their captain and first string, snapped an Achilles tendon in her second game, against Suzanne Horner, if England, in Pool B (Colin McQuillan writes).

Judged by her performance against Michelle Martin, the world champion, Wallace might be seen as the best of her challengers. She lost 10-8, 9-6, 9-7 in the third round last week. Against Horner, the British champion from Yorkshire, the Canadian started just as determinedly by taking the first game 9-2 in 13 minutes. In the first rally of the second game, however, Wallace thrust forward on her left foot in pursuit of a drop shot and collapsed in pain. England went on to win the match 3-0 to start their campaign for first place in the qualifying pool ahead of New Zealand, Germany and Canada.

Adelaide backs down

COMMONWEALTH GAMES: Manchester's prospects of hosting the event in 2002 improved yesterday when Adelaide announced it would not submit a bid (Kate Alderson writes). The only potential rival now would appear to be Johannesburg, which has until May next year to make a final submission. Manchester officials believe, however, a South African bid unlikely as they are hoping for the Olympic Games in 2004.

No farewell flourish

MOTOR SPORT: Nigel Mansell slipped away quietly from the world of IndyCar racing after finishing eighth, a lap behind the winner, Paul Tracy, in the Bank of America 500 in Monterey, California, on Sunday. Mansell is returning to Formula One for the last three races of the season, starting with the Grand Prix of Europe next Sunday at Jerez. Also bowing out was Mario Andretti, 54, who finished eighteenth in the 407th and last IndyCar race of his career.

Tigers apprehensive

BASKETBALL: Officials of Thames Valley Tigers were expressing concern yesterday at a European Cup draw which sends them to Split, the home of the former European champions. Although peace has returned to Croatia, John Nike, the owner of the British club, said he would be consulting the Foreign Office, hinting that he might seek a neutral venue for the second leg of the third preliminary round tie, against Croatia Insurance Split on November 1.

Indians reach last four

ASIAN GAMES: India's hockey team made an overdue return to form to beat South Korea 3-1 and reach the semi-finals of the men's event in Hiroshima yesterday. They now meet Japan who went through after a 1-1 draw with Malaysia. In the other semi-final, Pakistan will play South Korea. Wins in walking, rowing, canoeing, weightlifting, shooting and archery brought China 19 gold medals yesterday, taking their overall tally to 92.

Gunn loses shoot-out

REAL TENNIS: Paul Tabley, of Australia, won the Browning Cup, the British professional handicap championship, in impressive style, beating Rumaidh Gunn 6-0, 6-4. Gunn, despite home court advantage at Oratory School, started tentatively and was swept aside in the opening set by Tabley. In the second set, Gunn began cutting the ball more severely and forcing effectively for the winning areas, but Tabley just kept his nose in front.

Childerley chases gold

YACHTING: Stuart Childerley and his British match-racing crew were undefeated after the opening day in the preliminary rounds of the Omega Gold Cup in Bermuda, claiming the scalps of the Americans, Steve Flam and David Whelan, and Larry Lemieux, of Canada. Chris Dickson, of New Zealand, returning to match racing after a two-year absence, lost a thrilling duel with his countryman and former America's Cup tactician, John Cutler.

Teamwork carries St Honorine through

By Mel Webb

THERE were the winners and the runners-up and, a long way behind, the rest. The Midlands regional final of *The Times*/Mees Pierson Corporate Golf Challenge yesterday was so dominated by the top two teams that the remainder of the field might just as well have been playing in a different competition.

The event was won by St Honorine Golf and Leisure on 91 stableford points, with Trade Indemnity Heller Commercial Finance one behind. And therein lies a tale.

Trade Indemnity scored four points on the daunting par-three 18th hole on the Arden course, but spare a thought for Simon Wells, one of their number, for the one that got away. Wells had an 18-inch putt for a birdie, which would have put his team into a tie with St Honorine, and there are no prizes for guessing that he missed. Wells had a haunted look hours later.

The day was a good deal happier, though, for one of Wells's team-mates. Peter Jones, a member of nearby Sutton Coldfield, made his 17 handicap look a nonsense with a gross 78. It was the second best score of his life. In a practice round a week earlier, he had comfortably failed to break 100. Golf like that either betokens banditry of the first order, or is the play of a man capable of elevating the word "erratic" to an altogether higher plane.

Meanwhile, the winners were demonstrating that teamwork is the secret of Challenge success. They had only one hole on which they scored seven points — the tenth, their first — but backed it up with four sixes later.

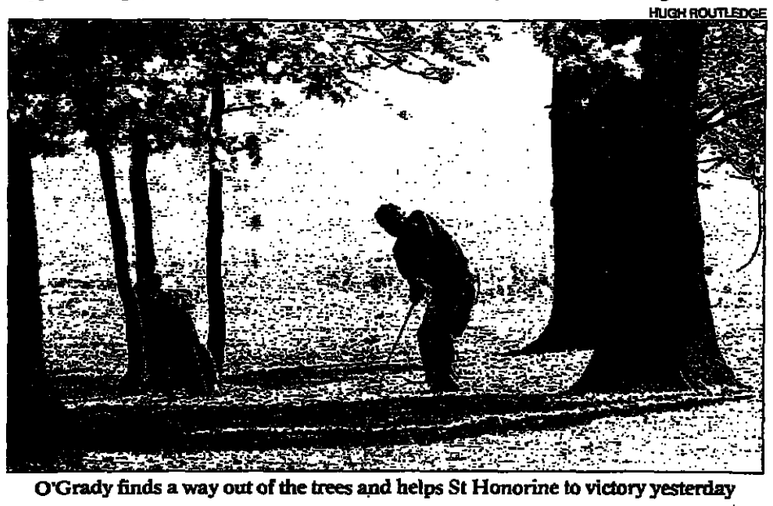
The seven-point hole was not without incident. First, Ray McNally, who plays off 18 at Aston Wood, holed a 25ft bunker shot, gross birdie three, net eagle two, and four points. So far, so good, but things got even better when Keith Bertschin, the former Ipswich Town, Birmingham City and Norwich City centre forward, sank a 20ft putt for a birdie and three points.

Bertschin is a member of the host club and his local knowledge came to his team's aid more than once as they negotiated the 6,500 yards of an Arden course that was as immaculate as it was testing. This was the second of three Country Club Hotels to be hosting a regional final — they started in Dalmahoy last week and will move on to St Pierre on Thursday.

Birmingham-based St Honorine, which is in the business of golf promotion, as well as owning the course in Normandy that gives the firm its name, played solid, consistent golf. Time after time, McNally, Bertschin and their colleagues, Antony O'Grady and Ian Hendry, the former Aston Villa and Hibernian footballer, hit the green in regulation figures.

"We knew when we entered the Challenge that it was a good event," Hendrie said. "Our golf days are usually a success; but there is no doubt that the Challenge helped it to be even better this year. We are fans of the competition and we'll undoubtedly be back next season."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



O'Grady finds a way out of the trees and helps St Honorine to victory yesterday

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83: TSB Group plc
80: Aqua-Gas (Valves and Fittings): Infotech UK Ltd
79: Camden Motors Limited
78: Brownhills Glass Company Limited; Ernst and Young Limited
77: Uponor Aldyl Limited; The National Grid Company plc
76: R E and B Handcock; Barclaycard
75: Barclays Bank (Westwood Park); McDermott Engineering (Europe); Mercury Communications
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Northampton v Mansfield .....

Auto Windscreens Shield
Northern section
Bradford v Huddersfield .....

Vauxhall Conference
Altrincham v Macclesfield (7.45) .....
Southport v Halifax (7.45) .....
Welling v Bromsgrove (7.45) .....
Yeovil v Woking (7.45) .....

FA CUP: Third qualifying round replays: Spennymoor v Tow Law; Durham v Whitby; Braintree v Billericay (7.45); Dover v *Chertsey; Dorchester v Bashley (7.45)*; Waterlooville v Salisbury (7.45). Trowbridge v Newport AFC.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Hinckley Town v Buckingham Town Southern division: Baldock Town v Ashford Town (7.45) Dr Martens Cup: First round, first leg: Bridgnorth (0) v Stourbridge (0).

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Hitchin v Dulwich; Kingstonian v Hendon; Marlow v Chesham. First division: Basingstoke Town v Whyteleafe; Boreham Wood v Barking. Second division: Aveley v Saffron Walden Tn; Metropolitan Police v *Hungerford Town (7.45)*. Third division: Hertford Town v East Thurrock United; Horsham v Southall (7.45). Carlsberg Cup: First round: Leighton Town v Tring Town.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Chorley, Frickley v Buxton; Gainsborough Trinity v Emley; Knowsley v Winsford; Marine v Droylsden; Witton v Colwyn Bay. First division: Bamber Bridge v Workington; Curzon *Ashton v Fleetwood; Harrogate Town* v Netherfield; Lancaster City v Atherton LR; Radcliffe Borough v Caernarfon Town

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Coventry v Bolton, Derby v Everton; Liverpool v Nottingham Forest; Notts County v Manchester United; Rotherham v Wolves. Second division: Manchester City v York (6.45).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Watford v Charlton (2.0); West Ham v Chelsea (7.0)

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Elmore v Bristol Manor Farm; Liskeard Athletic v Crediton United. Mangotsfield United v Paulton Rovers.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Liversedge v Armthorpe Welfare, Maltby MW v Denaby United; Pickering Town v Ossett Albion. League Cup: First round: Hatfield Main v Winterton Rangers; Parkgate v Worsbrough Bridge; Rossington Main v Yorkshire Amateurs.

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WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Herne Bay v Crockenhill

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: *Wroxham v Diss.*

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: Andover v Christchurch.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston v Mirrlees Blackstone, Desborough v Potton; Newport Pagnell v Stotfold, Stamford v Spalding United; Wootton v S and L Corby League Cup: First round: Kempston v Bugbrooke First round replay: Long Buckby v Eynesbury.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Haringey Borough v Waltham Abbey

SCHOOLS: English Schools Trophy: Second round: Dacorum v Reading (at Berkhamsted), Slough v Mid Oxon (at Slough Town); Lincoln v South Notts (at Nettleham FC, 7.15) Tour matches: Bury Youth v Western Province (SA) (at Lowergrgg, 10.30): Xavier Coll v Western Province (SA) (at the Police Ground, Chorlton 2.0)

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: First round, first leg: Atherton Collieries v Castleton Gabriels; Blackpool Mecs v Bacup Borough; Blackpool Rovers v Haslingden; Bradford Park Avenue v Flixton; Kidsgrove Athletic v Cheadle Town, Glossop North End v Irlam Town; Oldham Town v Burscough; Prescot v Boode, Skelmersdale United v Salford City; North Trafford v Chadderton.

BOARD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone v Cobh Ramblers (8.15); Shelbourne v Monaghan United (7.45)

OTHER MATCH: Amateur Football Alliance v Cambridge Univ (at Old Parkonians 2.30).

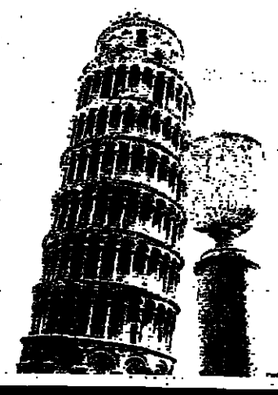
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Llanelli v Swansea (7.0) .....
Taibach v Aberavon (6.0) .....
Oxford University v Crawshay's XV (7.15) .....

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Derby).
SPEEDWAY: British League: First division: Coventry v Cradley Heath (7.30).
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Frustrating beginning for Border's successor

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN RAWALPINDI

CAPTAINS rarely strike oil at the first attempt. In Mark Taylor's case, the pipes will have to be checked more carefully than usual. It is his task to follow Allan Border, the longest-serving leader in the history of Test cricket just as Australia embark on a seven-month programme that is difficult even by the onerous standards of the modern game.

As the Australians prepare for the 50-over match against South Africa in Lahore tomorrow, which opens a three-week long triangular series, Taylor can reflect on his first two Tests in charge, against Pakistan. Australia should have won the first and could have won the second.

Few chances ever prove as expensive as the one Taylor



Taylor: different style

missed at slip in the second Test, when Salim Malik was 20. Had the Pakistan captain gone then, it is likely Australia would have won. Instead, Taylor had to watch as Salim made the double century that took his team to safety.

Taylor, who is 30 in a fortnight, has known too much success to feel fallible. After 56 Tests, his runs have come at almost 47 an innings, which puts him firmly among the ranks of the accomplished. His accession to Border's job was never in doubt.

Anticipating the captaincy is one thing; the bequest itself is quite another. Border did the job for ten long years, taking Australian cricket from self-doubt to certainty. However good a team Taylor inherited, he was always going to face the tricky job of making his own voice heard. Taylor is not such an assertive man. He admits being surprised by the sheer scale of public responsibility: the mail, the additional media demands, recognition in the street, even an invitation to address his old school.

Where Border was a benevolent dictator, Taylor is more of a social democrat. He may not specifically want a "kinder, gentler Australia", but as a team picks up a collective frequency from its captain, Taylor's Australians will be less strident than Border's. To put it another way, they will not be so abusive in the field.

Border's lucky charm, Merv Hughes, who is fit again after a serious knee injury, was aggrieved to be left out of this touring party and is approaching the new domestic season with a clear determination to regain his Test place.

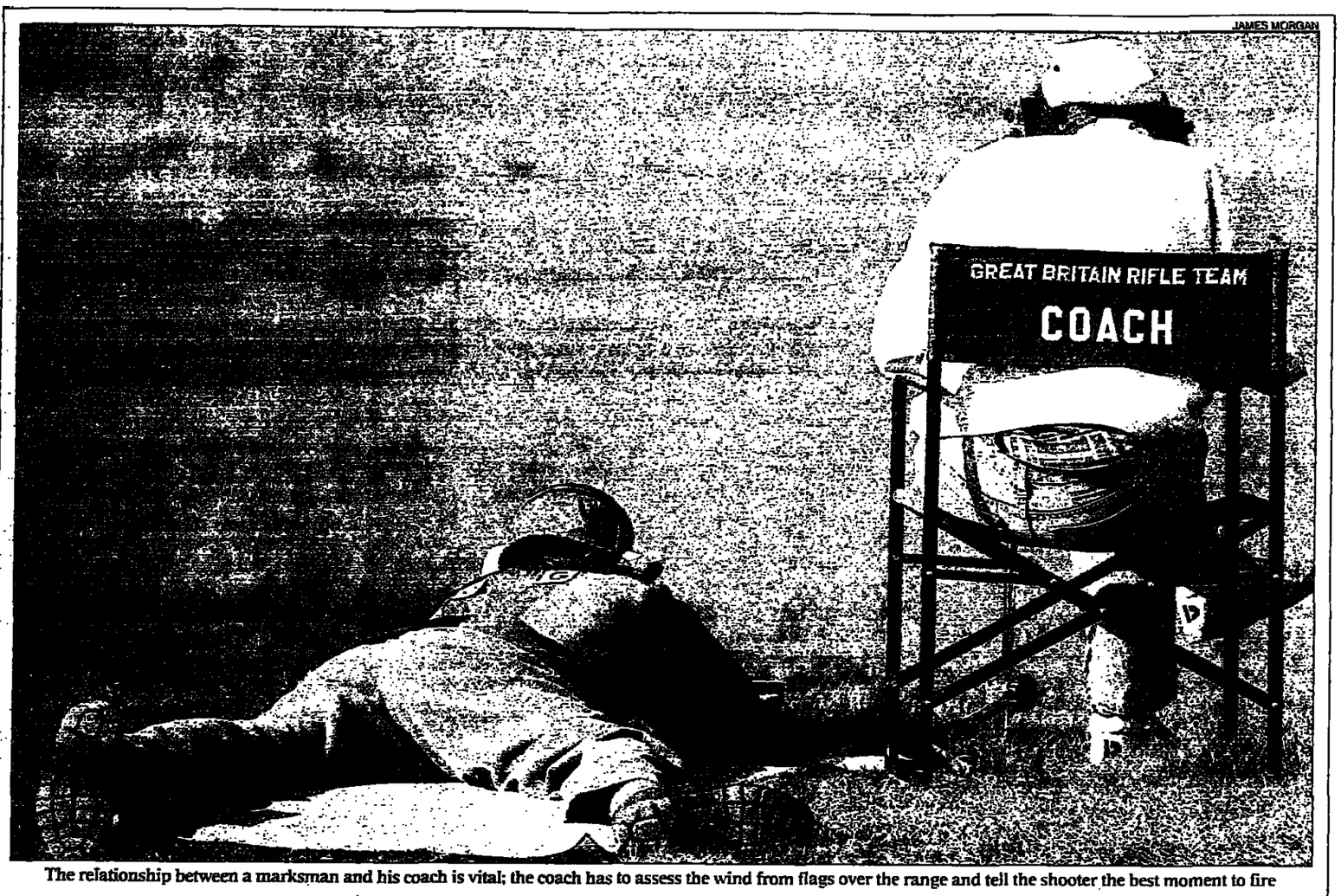
Taylor may well need him. He can count on Craig McDermott against England later this winter. But Glen McGrath and Damien Fleming, though promising, lack experience. Hughes, and possibly Bruce Reid, may have significant roles to play in the Ashes series.

Despite their defeat in Karachi, where Taylor made the first pair of his career, Australian spirits are high. They have made a concerted effort on this tour to bridge the gap that separated these teams on their last visit, six years ago, when they responded to poor umpiring by threatening to go home.

The side is changing in tone as much as personnel, although whether it will alter when England go to Australia remains to be seen. Taylor needs to establish his authority by winning a series, and he cannot win this one.

Michael Atherton, younger by four years, has survived a test of will in the past six months and may begin the Ashes series next month not a stronger captain but a more battle-hardened one. If readiness is all, England may have a slight advantage.

PAKISTAN PARTY (for first one-day international v Australia in Multan, October 14): Salim Malik (captain), Aamir Sohail, Saeed Anwar, Atif Rauf, Aamer Malik, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Akram Raza, Mushtaq Ahmed, Mohsin Kamal, Asif Mujtaba, Kabir Khan.



The relationship between a marksman and his coach is vital; the coach has to assess the wind from flags over the range and tell the shooter the best moment to fire

Aiming to relax when confronted by invisible bull



Andrew Longmore joins the rifle shooters who talk of hitting the Queen's nose on a postage stamp

All you can see of a six-foot target 1,000 yards away through the sights of a long-range rifle is a black dot no bigger than a child's thumbnail. The target fits neatly into the foresight of the rifle and the crackshots of the British rifle team could hit it blindfolded in a gale.

The focus of their attention is the bull, 20 inches wide and invisible to the naked eye, and, inside the bull, the x-ring, which is ten inches wide, roughly the equivalent of a male handspan. Ten inches at just over half a mile without the use of telescopic sights and with a bullet subject to every vagary of the wind in its one-second parabolic trajectory to the target. Shooting at 1,000 yards is, like the marathon or cycling's one-hour record, the ultimate test of character.

"Like finding a postage stamp on the horizon and then shooting through the Queen's nose," as Arthur Clarke, the chief coach to the British team, graphically put it. Good club marksmen would fancy their chances of hitting the target more often than not. In a practice match — Great Britain v The Rest — at Bisley last weekend, Andrew Luckman, at 22, the prodigy of the British team, was a little disgruntled at hitting the x-ring a mere 19 times in 45 shots, 15 each at ranges of 800, 900 and 1,000 yards.

Given the ideal conditions, bright sunshine, gentle winds blowing across the range, he expected to be more accurate. "I seemed to be firing good shots, but I was getting it a little bit wrong and my coach was getting it a little bit wrong," he explained. At 1,000 yards, moving the 30-inch barrel the thickness of a cigarette paper will mean the difference between a bull (ten points) and the nine-point ring. You cannot afford to drop more than half a dozen points out of a maximum 450.

The British are the best at shooting through the Queen's nose. Two years ago, they won the coveted Palma Trophy from under the noses of the Americans in New Mexico, only the third victory for Britain in the 118-year history of the competition which began as a celebration of American Independence. In January, they will defend their trophy in New Zealand against Australia, America and South Africa.

But if the Palma is the re-enactment of deadly colonial rivalries within the safe bounds of the shooting range, the idea that the modern shooter must be a cross between Crocodile Dundee, John Wayne and a voortrekker is totally at odds with the cerebral reality of the sport.

Far from needing muscles like Rambo, two of the country's best shots are women, Jane Messer and Sarah Kent, neither of whom weighs more than eight stone and neither, as far as one can tell, prone to any act more violently than swatting a wasp.

In shooting, the weight of the rifle, about five kilograms, is carried mainly by a sling, so it is the mind, not the body, which is stretched. Pilots and army officers make good shots, but so, too, do accountants, lawyers and bank managers.

"Intellectually, it's very demanding. I find a day's shooting, maybe 30 minutes in all, is far more tiring than a day's work," Messer, a civil servant, said.

Like golf, another sport where the enemy is inanimate and precision is paramount, long-range shooting is a matter of timing, maintaining a rhythm and controlling emotions. Relaxation is the key.

Malcolm Cooper, the Olympic gold medal-winner, has a heart rate close to zero when he pulls the trigger, and many of the British squad have used relaxation techniques devised by Paul Amison, the team's psychologist, to cope with the stress. Surprisingly, there seems to be no shooting equivalent of the golfer's "yips".

Kent said: "When I'm shooting, I try to shut out everything. I just focus on the target and imagine what a perfect shot would be like. What I'm going to buy at Sainsbury's for dinner has to come second."

But what makes long-range shooting a unique sport is the role of the coach. In no other sport is the partnership between coach and athlete so crucial to immediate success. The coach is sage, guru, weather cock, servant and scapegoat rolled into one. His main task is to assess the wind from flags over the range, alter the sights to take account of its strength and tell the shooter the best moment to fire. If he misreads the wind, the shot misses.

"You can look at the flags and other people's targets. But a lot of wind reading comes down to instinct and experience. If it's raining, I can judge a lot by the angle of the rain," Bill Richards, Luckman's coach, said. One coach used to judge the wind by his pipe smoke.

Routine and trust are all important. Luckman prepares to fire on Richards's call of "set"; in about five seconds, usually two breaths, he will be told to go on or wait. The average shooter then takes three to five seconds to fire; Luckman takes one, which makes the coach's job that much easier because the wind has less time to change. He fires at the first focus, on the end of the outbreath when the body is still.

"It is very easy to get a phobia about 1,000 yards," Luckman said. "It sounds so much farther than anything else. But the technique is the same. You just have to be so precise. That's all."

Chargers' juggernaut is rolling again

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

BEFORE the season, the San Diego Chargers were not expected to make much of an impression on the rest of the National Football League. They were not even favourites in the American Football Conference (AFC) West division. On Sunday, they won their fifth successive game, beating the Kansas City Chiefs 20-6, to remain the only undefeated team in the league.

San Diego, who beat Kansas City in a regular-season game for the first time this decade, have not started so well since 1961, when the club was a high-scoring juggernaut in the old American Football League.

Natrome Means scored on a nine-yard run and Stan Humphries threw a five-yard touchdown pass to Mark Seay as San Diego built a two-game lead over Kansas City.

"Our offensive line was the key to the game," Humphries said after completing 16 of 25 passes for 171 yards and no interceptions. "They protected me and gave me time to get the ball to my receivers."

Kansas City reached the Chargers' two-yard line in the final minute, but Joe Montana was sacked before throwing two incompletions as time expired. Kansas City's points came from two 25-yard field goals by Lin Elliott. John Carney kicked field goals of 23 and 32 yards for the Chargers.

"Their defence wouldn't let us get on a roll, which made us force the ball," Montana said. After defeating their first three opponents, including the San Francisco 49ers, Kansas City have wobbled, losing two in a row for the first time since Montana moved over from San Francisco last season.

Against the Chargers, the veteran passer connected on 37 of 55 passes for 310 yards with one interception and two sacks. The Chiefs were unable to score a touchdown for the second successive game.

"When you look at the AFC West, we have beaten all the teams that were picked to finish above us," Leslie O'Neill, a defensive end, said. The Chargers have defeated every team in the division plus the hapless Cincinnati Bengals.

In an important game in the AFC East, the Buffalo Bills ran straight at the Miami Dolphins for a 21-11 victory. Instead of falling two games behind Miami, Buffalo took a share of the lead with their perennial rivals.

"The Bills were patient," Don Shula, the Miami coach, said. "Because of their patience, they were able to get their running game going. They always seem to come up with a win when it counts."

During their four-year reign as champions of the AFC, the Bills have periodically appeared to lose momentum. Such was the case before the game on Sunday. They had been defeated by Chicago the previous week and Miami had won their two previous encounters in Buffalo.

However, Thurman Thomas ran for 125 yards and two touchdowns, surpassing the 100-yard mark for the fifth time in 12 games against the Dolphins, to reverse the Bills' fortunes. He returned to the line-up after missing the Chicago game with a knee sprain.

"We went with running the football and it worked," Kent Hull, a Buffalo lineman, said. The Bills totalled 214 yards on 48 carries, scoring three running touchdowns and holding the ball for 36min 43sec.

Thomas gave Buffalo a 7-3 lead with a one-yard run and he added a 26-yard run late in the third quarter. Kenneth Davis added a five-yard run to make the score 21-3. Dan Marino, of Miami, found McDuffie with a three-yard scoring pass.

DETAILS

RESULTS: Week six: NY Jets 16 Indianapolis 6; Green Bay 24 LA Rams 17; Buffalo 21, Miami 11; Chicago 17, New Orleans 7; San Francisco 27, Detroit 21; Atlanta 34, Tampa Bay 13; Dallas 38, Arizona 3; Denver 16, Seattle 9; San Diego 20, Kansas City 6; LA Raiders 21, New England 17; Philadelphia 21, Washington 17.

American Football Conference

	W	L	PF	PA
East division				
Buffalo	4	2	117	116
Miami	4	2	160	129
New England	3	3	158	159
NY Jets	3	3	82	105
Indianapolis	2	4	113	128
Central division				
Cleveland	4	1	118	58
Pittsburgh	3	2	100	101
Houston	1	4	79	123
Cincinnati	0	5	78	129
West division				
San Diego	5	0	134	84
Kansas City	3	2	90	80
Seattle	3	3	130	88
LA Raiders	2	3	116	141
Denver	1	4	108	145

Byes: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Houston, Pittsburgh.

National Football Conference

	W	L	PF	PA
East division				
Dallas	4	1	135	56
Philadelphia	4	1	127	82
NY Giants*	3	1	101	99
Arizona	1	4	49	111
Washington	1	5	112	165
Central division				
Chicago	4	2	113	108
Minnesota*	3	2	107	85
Green Bay	3	3	107	84
Detroit	2	4	106	129
Tampa Bay	2	4	80	116
West division				
Atlanta	4	2	138	112
San Francisco	4	2	154	131
LA Rams	2	4	84	109
New Orleans	2	4	97	139

* Does not include game played last night

FIXTURES: Week seven: Thursday: Cleveland at Houston. Sunday: Arizona at Washington, Cincinnati at Pittsburgh; Indianapolis at Buffalo; LA Raiders at Miami; New England at NY Jets, San Francisco at Atlanta, NY Giants at LA Rams; Philadelphia at Dallas; San Diego at New Orleans. Monday: Kansas City at Denver.

Choice of referee disconcerts England

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHILE South Africa's leading rugby union players begin their tour through Wales, Scotland and Ireland later this month, England await the arrival of Stef Neethling, now South Africa's leading referee. Neethling, who handled the Currie Cup final ten days ago, has been appointed to the international at Twickenham on November 12 between England and Romania.

Given their strictures on refereeing standards during the summer tour of South Africa, the England management will await his coming with some apprehension. Neethling handled the combustible clash in May between England and South Africa A in Kimberley, when both teams were fortunate to finish at full strength after several outbreaks of fighting.

The England squad for the Romania match will meet the preceding weekend, when Neethling is due to referee the league match between Harlequins and Gloucester. That match will be compulsory viewing for the national management. They will also take interest in the divisional championship match between London and Midlands on December 3, to be refereed by Wayne Erickson, of Australia. A week later, Erickson is to referee England's international with Canada.

The Welsh Rugby Union is expecting a late demand for tickets for the World Cup ranking match between Wales and Italy tomorrow. Already 20,000 have been sold, but the union anticipates a crowd nearer 40,000. The game will decide the pool in which the countries will appear in South Africa next year.

☐ John Fowler, the lock who left Newcastle Gosforth last month, has joined Sale.

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WORD WATCHING

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KURGAN

(b) A prehistoric sepulchral tumulus or barrow in Russia and Tartary, from the Russian *kurgan* a barrow or tumulus, of Tartar origin. "These Tschudish kurgans abound in copper and gold articles, but contain neither bronze nor iron."

KVETCH

(c) A term of personal abuse, specifically a person who complains a great deal, a fault-finder, as a verb to complain or whine, from the Yiddish *kvetsh*, an adaptation of the German *quetsche* a crusher or presser. "There was Ozzie Waldman, Ozzie the kvetch. For his favor you could die. He gave away nothing."

KWASHIORKOR

(a) A wasting disease that is caused by an insufficient intake of protein by the body and chiefly affects young children in tropical countries, producing apathy, oedema of the extremities, desquamation, and partial loss of pigmentation (and is generally associated with diarrhoea and stunted growth), and leading in severe cases to death. The native name in Ghana.

VIRGER

(a) A verger at St Paul's and other idiosyncratic or pretentious churches, an official rod-bearer, from the Latin *virga* a rod or staff, medieval Latin *virgārius* a rod-bearer. "The archbishop came to visit us at the convent, attended by a virger."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

No! White can mate quickly with 1, Rxg7! Kxg7: 2, Qg5+ Kh8: 3, Qxf6+ Kg8: 4, Rg1.

Cardiff lead way into Europe

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

IN A weekend of surprises, none surpassed that of Cardiff Devils' success in Holland, where they beat the champions of Kazakhstan and the Ukraine to become the first British club to qualify for ice hockey's European Cup.

In the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup, Edinburgh Racers provided the surprise, qualifying at the expense of their neighbours, Fife Flyers.

Having won the first leg at home 9-8, the Racers expected a far tougher time when they crossed the Forth. But the Flyers, the only team to survive the group section of the competition with a 100 per cent record, seemed to have lost their way a little and the Racers prevailed 4-2 to win 13-10 on aggregate.

Stan Horansky scored the only goal of the first period to give the Racers the early edge they needed, the teams shared four goals in the second and Ivan Matulik scored the only goal of the third to clinch victory.

Nottingham Panthers, after their 11-6 away win over Slough Jets, confirmed their superiority with a 14-4 home win and their 25-10 aggregate is a fair indication of the gap between the teams.

Slough will feel hard done by in losing Charlie Colon, their goaltender, on whom so much depends. He was injured in the first leg and was unable to play in the return.

As expected, Humberside Hawks and Sheffield Steelers had a close game in their first-leg meeting in Hull, although the Hawks led 8-2 early in the third period and will be annoyed at conceding six goals, including two in the final minute, to allow the Steelers to level the score and give themselves the edge for the second leg, on Thursday.

In the limited premier division programme, Peterborough Pirates provided the surprise, beating Durham Wasps 6-5 in the North East although without one of their imports, Brent Bobyck, who was injured. The Wasps led 3-2 midway through the first period, but the Pirates then scored four to register an unlikely success.

RESULTS: Benson and Hedges Cup: Quarter-finals: second leg: Fife 2, Edinburgh 4 (Edinburgh win 13-10 on agg) Nottingham 14 Slough 4 (Nottingham win 25-10 on agg) First leg: Humberside 8 Sheffield 8 British League: Premier division: Basingstoke 12 Milton Keynes 3 Durham 5 Peterborough 6 First division: Chelmsford 5 Romford 5, Guildford 4 Swindon 6, Lee Valley 5 Medway 7, Paisley 12 Blackburn 5, Solihull 3 Telford 4, Trafford 3 Teesside 6



the pits yesterday

French build for renaissance to complete the grand gesture

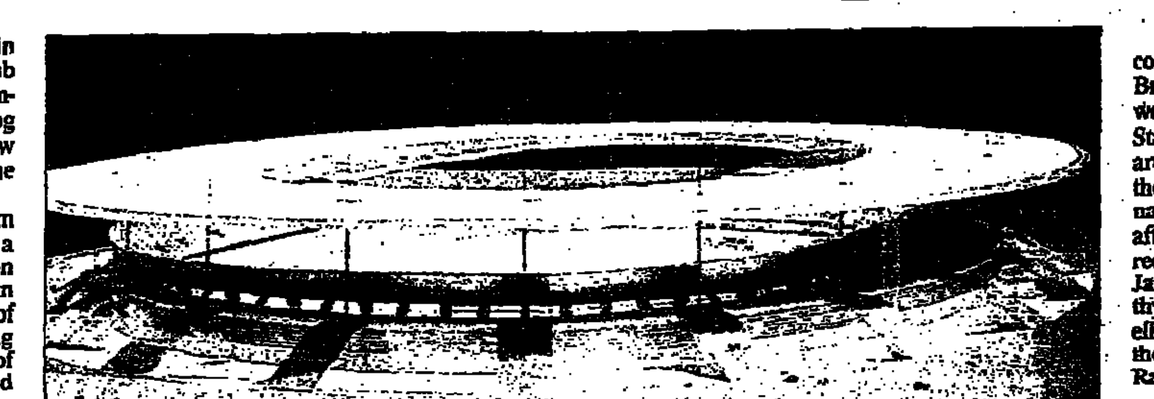
OVERSEAS FOOTBALL
BY ROB HUGHES

The French may be struggling to make a greater impact on the football field, after a 0-0 draw against Romania in European championship qualifying match in Paris last Saturday, but let nobody deny that they are visionaries, designers, conceptualists. They gave us the World Cup and the European Cup, and now, charged with running the 1998 World Cup, they plan a new epicentre, a £223 million stadium to be built in St Denis, in the north of Paris.

With this construction, the French are attempting to comply with the credo of the late Charles de Gaulle that "France cannot be France without grandeur". Indeed not. France and England have become partners in shaping the presentation of football towards the next millennium: while England prepares for the 1996 European championships (for which France is finding difficulty in qualifying) with swanky new club grounds and a tarted-up Wembley, the French go the whole hog by building an 80,000-seat new sporting palace, backed by the Government.

At first glance, the new stadium is an elliptical illusion. Its roof is a thin slice seemingly floating on air, in fact suspended on 20 thin metal supports. And speaking of roofs, it will be capable of having an inflated cover in the event of the bad weather which England also shares with France.

The architects, Michel Macary and d'Aymeric Zublena, are presumably romantic and practical men. They have had to satisfy not only government ministers, who will pay 51 per cent of the Ffr1.9 billion, but also Fifa, the world governing body of football, whose concern at granting France the World Cup was heightened by the fact that, three years ago, a temporary stand at Bastia, in Corsica, had collapsed, killing 15.



The space-age stadium, in model form, being planned for the 1998 World Cup in France

While Wembley stadium continues its refurbishment and its struggle against debts of £140 million, the French at least have the highest powers in the land backing their grand design.

They need it, for Parc des Princes is a grey relic reflecting the fact that the new stadium has been under discussion in France for 58 years. There is an ulterior motive in building a new stadium in what is not really an avid football nation: it is intended to be the jewel in the crown of a French bid to host the rugby World Cup at the turn of the century.

Now the task is to find some princely players to grace it. Long gone are the musketeers, the incomparable midfield of Platini (though he is the overlord of the World Cup 1998 project), Tigana and Giresse. As the spectators on Saturday lamented, while France created too little against Romania, all appears to rest on Eric Cantona, and the English know rather more than the French about his highs and lows.

Speaking of volatile form, it comes to everybody. Consider Brazil. So many of their players, world champions in the United States barely three months ago, are suffering on the periphery of the game. Mauro Silva and Leonardo are both out for months after suffering severe injuries requiring surgery, in Spain and Japan. There will be little sympathy for Leonardo, whose raised elbow caused violent damage to the face of the American, Tab Ramos.

More sympathy, perhaps, for Romario and Bebeto. The pair felt they needed more holiday than Barcelona and Deportivo La Coruña were willing to grant. Both paid heavily in club fines, both have struggled for form and fitness, though Romario returned last weekend with a brace of goals that will do nothing to ease the apprehension of Manchester United, who face Barcelona in the European Champions' League next week.

A third Brazilian striker, Viola, is also suffering a period of enforced idleness: he was banned for three matches after arguing with a referee. The new Fifa laws stretch even to Brazil.

But one player isolated from those laws, estranged from the game itself, is Brazil's goalkeeper, Claudio Taffarel. His Italian club, Parma, is paying off the last year of his contract, and has told him there is no point in him even training with the club. Consequently, the unemployed World Cup-winner is in the northern Italian town of Reggio nell'Emilia ... where he plays, to keep fit, for a local church team.

He plays, in fact, as a striker. "It wouldn't be fair," he said, "to other teams if I kept goal against them." And it does not seem fair that a decent man, so recently playing in huge stadiums, should be cast into the wilderness because of the politics of Italian teams signing more foreign imports than they can accommodate.

Wales thirst for victory toast in unfamiliar surroundings

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

MOLDAVIA, sandwiched between Romania and the Ukraine in the southwest pocket of the former Soviet Union, has little to recommend it to the wandering Westerner. It is a largely agricultural nation and relies on the production of maize, root crops, tobacco and sunflower seeds for survival. Connoisseurs of wine, however, will not be disappointed: it possesses a third of all former Soviet vineyards.

In football terms, Moldavia is limited, too. Ion Caras, the manager, has the pick from only 180 registered clubs and he presides over a side ranked joint 135th in the world, alongside Panama.

It is into such humble territory that Wales have trecked for the second match of their European championship group seven qualifying campaign. What lies in store, when they play Moldavia in Kishinev tomorrow, is anybody's guess.

"It could be very difficult for us; we don't really know what to expect," Mike Smith, the Wales manager, said. "Since the break-up of the Soviet Union, I don't think the new teams are as good as the old one. But they work hard and are all technically good sides. One of the things that has kept the countries going since the split is their football."

The Moldavian Football Association was formed two years ago. It entered the ratings of Fifa, the sport's world governing body, only this year, and jumped 14 places as a result of a surprise 1-0 win over Georgia in Tbilisi on September 7 — the same day that Wales beat Albania 2-0 in Cardiff.

Smith has gleaned some information, but most of it no more than second or third hand. A recent trip to Sweden, for a coaching seminar, proved useful. "I spoke to the Georgia coach and he told me that Moldavia had ten players behind the ball all through the game," Smith said. "They defended very well but only ventured out on the break."

Smith is too experienced to underestimate "minor" opposition. He will have examined every detail he has gathered and Georgia, whom Wales next visit, on November 16, will receive similar respect. The Football Association of Wales has been equally thorough and, with many Moldavian facilities not far short of primitive, no chances are being taken. Three chefs and two tons of food, ranging from cornflakes to pasta to steaks, accompanied the squad when it flew out from Stansted yesterday.

Also with the party, after the late withdrawals of Jeremy Goss, Ian Rush and Ryan Giggs because of injury, were Mark Aizlewood, 35, of Cardiff City, and Jason Bowen, the Swansea City midfield player.

Wales have a depleted squad, their opponents are unfamiliar, and the conditions are far from ideal. In the circumstances, a draw would be acceptable, but, if not, at least they can mask their disappointment with a Kishinev Chardonnay. The bouquet, apparently, is excellent.

□ Craig Brown, the Scotland coach, has called Brian Grant, the Aberdeen midfield player, and Gerry Creaney, the uncapped Portsmouth striker, into his squad for the European championship match against the Faeroe Islands at Hampden Park tomorrow. They replace Gary McAllister and the Rangers pair, David Robertson and Stuart McCall, all of whom are injured.



Carter, right, the captain of Derby County in this match at Stamford Bridge, not only made goals for others but scored more than 200 himself

Pass master who commanded centre stage

David Miller pays tribute to Raich Carter, one of the greatest *inside forwards of the English game, who died on Sunday*

Genius is a word loosely used in the football context, but if there have been maybe half a dozen in the history of the English game, then Raich Carter, who has died at 80, was certainly one of them.

Had it not been for the intervention of the Second World War, which began when he was 26, Carter might have been spoken of in the same breath as Didi, Di Stefano, Suarez and Cruyff, the most famous of post-war tactical masters. There can be little doubt that Carter was as fine a technician as Stanley Matthews, 15 months his junior, yet lacking that indefinable element of mystic elusiveness possessed by the winger. Indeed, a streak of gentle envy for the greater fame of Matthews always remained with Carter, the pair of them having formed a peerless partnership during the war.

"Yes, you could see he could play a bit," Raich would say with a twinkle in his eye, when recalling their times together. He mildly resented the publicly held conception that it was his job with England to supply Matthews with the ball.

He was, of course, one of the best passers the game has known from England, together with Mannion, Haynes and Hoddle. It was not, as has been said, Mannion who forced him out of the England team after the first seven consecutive post-war matches, but Mortensen, who scored four of the ten goals against Portugal in his first match.

Of the five times that the quartet of Matthews, Lawton, Mannion and Finney played in the same line, the inside right was Mortensen, not Carter, and during those opening seven post-war matches, the left winger had been Langton or Mullen. Like so many great, small players — he was 5ft 7in — Carter had perfect balance and timing, and a phenomenal shot with either foot, even with a wet leather ball. In 451 league matches with Sunderland, Derby County and Hull City, he scored 216 goals, yet made countless more for colleagues.

Capped before Matthews, in 1934, his star with Sunderland was initially the brighter and he inspired an ageing Sunderland team to take the championship in 1936 and led them to victory against Preston North End at Wembley the following year. Perhaps his most lyrical play came in partnership with Peter Doherty, assisting Derby to win the first post-war FA Cup Final, against Charlton Athletic.

Carter commanded the centre of the field with something of the austere arrogance of Di Stefano.

He did not suffer fools gladly, nor lesser players, which perhaps limited his managerial impact. He brought triumph to Hull as player-manager, with promotion to the second division and gates of 40,000 in 1948-49, before moving on to Leeds.

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Irish rue loss of five men to injury

BY PETER BALL

NORTHERN Ireland set off for Vienna yesterday, ruing their failure to get their players released from Saturday's league programme. They lost five players, with Steve Morrow's withdrawal after he had been injured in a reserve match particularly frustrating them.

"We will have to seriously consider invoking Uefa rules in future," Dave Bowen, the Northern Ireland secretary, said. "We haven't done so in the past because getting matches called off creates fixture congestion and we didn't want to do that but we are going to have to reconsider.

"For Steve Morrow to be hurt in a reserve match is disappointing. He would definitely have played on Wednesday and while we accept that Arsenal pay his wages it is an important loss to us.

"We have got to play the Republic next month and we will certainly need our players free for that. There is no Premiership programme the weekend before, but a lot of our players are in the Endsleigh League first division and the Scottish first division," Bowen said.

Kevin Keegan took his first steps along the international management road by making it clear he would follow the principles which have helped propel his Newcastle side to the Premiership summit. The St James' Park boss, asked by Terry Venables to stand in for the unavailable Dave Sexton as manager of the England Under-21 side, flew out for tomorrow's game against Austria in Kapfenber promising that attacking football would be the order of the day.

□ Northampton bring down the curtain on 97 years of football at the County Ground when they take on Mansfield today. They are moving to Sixfields, a new £5.2 million all-seat council-owned stadium on the outskirts of Northampton.

FOR THE RECORD

ASIAN GAMES

HIROSHIMA: Finals

ARCHERY: Men: Individual: P Kyung-Mo (S Kor) 116pts. Team: South Korea (Chung Jae-Hun, Oh Kyo-Moon, Park Kyung-Mo) 259. Women: Team: China (He Ying, Lin Sang, Wang Xiaozhu) 240

ATHLETICS: Men: 10,000m: T Takaoka (Japan) 28min 15.48sec. 20km walk: Chen Shaoguo (China) 1hr 21min 15sec. Hammer: Bi Zhong (China) 72.24m. Women: 10km walk: Gao Hongmiao (China) 44min 11sec

FENCING: Men: Team épée: Kazakhstan (A Pistsov, S Chabeline, I Tsetov, D Dimov, A Mazanov)

CANOEING: Men: Kayak: 1,000m: Single: I Kireev (Uzb) 3min 44.50sec. Pairs: D Isaak and S Skrypnik (Kaz) 3.26.77. Fours: Uzbekistan (V Kazantsev, I Kireev, A Kolganov, A Tyunin) 3:08.60. Canadian: 1,000m: Single: Zhang Lei (China) 4.10.38. Pairs: K Negodiaev and S Sergueev (Kaz) 3.51.58. Women: 500m: Kayak: Four-woman: China (Hu Dongmei, Wang Mei, Xian Bengdi, Zhang Qin) 1:37.93

ROWING: Men: Single sculls: Huang Xiaoping (China) 7min 05.85sec. Double sculls: Liang Hongming and Lu Xuanbin (China) 6:42.65. Lightweight double sculls: K Obinata and H Sugiro (Japan) 6 43.67. Coxless Pairs: Feng Feng and Xu Wuling (China) 7.10.92. Coxless fours: China (Ji Renxu, Li Pailong, Liang Hongming, Lu Xianbin), 6.23.80. Lightweight coxless fours: China (Song Liangyou, Shen Hongfei, Sun Guobin, Gong Xuhong) 6:17.25. Eights: China (Zhang Binggui, Cai Yukun, Hu Jiaqi, Sun Jun, Tian Qicheng, Sun Sengin, Zheng Xianwei, Cao Junwei, Li Jianan) 5:47.28. Women: Single sculls: Cao Mianying (China) 7.55.41. Lightweight double sculls: Ou Shaoyan and Zhong Aitang (China) 7:18.63. Coxless fours: China (Liang Xiling, Jiang Zhilang, Liu Xirong, Wang Shuquan) 7:04.91. Lightweight coxless fours: China (Ou Shaoyan, Ding Yahong, Zhong Ailang, Wang Fang) 7.11.08

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS: All-event: Y Kawamoto (Japan) 37.350pts

SHOOTING: Men: 25m rapid-fire pistol: Individual: V Vokhmianine (Kaz) 586pts. Team: China 1,747. Double trap: F Aldeehani (Kuwait) 187. Women: Double trap: Wang Yujin (China) 148

WEIGHTLIFTING: Men: 91kg: A Makarov (Kaz) 167.5kg, 197.5kg, 365.0kg. 99kg: S Kopytov (Kaz) 96.02, 177.5, 387.5. 108kg: Cui Wenhua (China) 182.5, 210.0, 392.5. Over 108kg: Kim Tae-Hyun (S Korea) 185.0, 230.0, 415.0.

WRESTLING: 52kg: M Mamyrov (Kaz). 62kg: T Wada (Japan). 74kg: B Kalani (Iran). 90kg: R Khadem (Iran). 130kg: E Mohraban (Iran)

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 55 Leicester 69 (Trosvant 24, Harris 16); London 71 (Scott 17, Lewis 16, Moore 16) Derby 62 (Samon 19), Sheffield 69 (Huggins 18, Finch 18) Birmingham 49; Doncaster 69 (Joseph 18, Jones 18) Manchester 73 (Robinson 31)

BOWLS

BALLYMONEY: Irish masters: Final: J Henry (Ire) bt A Marshall (Scot) 21-11.

CRICKET

HARARE: Sri Lankans 502-3 dec; President's XI 96 and 188-9. Match drawn

FOOTBALL

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Platense 0 Velez Sarsfield 0. Mandiyu de Corrientes 1 Rosario Central 2; River Plate 2 Independiente 1; Huracan 3 Boca Juniors 1, Deportivo Espanol 0 Lanus 1; Newell's Old Boys 4 Gimnasia y Esgrima La Plata 2, Gimnasia de Jujuy 3 Ferro Carril Oeste 2, Racing Club 1 Talleres de Cordoba 0, Belgrano de Cordoba 1 San Lorenzo de Almagro 1

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Sport 1 Flamengo 0; Santos 2 São Paulo 3, Portuguesa 1 Guarani 1; Palmeiras 1 Parana 0; Corinthians 3 Gremio 0; Internacional 2 Paysandu 1; Fluminense 0 Vasco 0

SCHOOLS: Brentwood 2 Ardingly 2. Wellingborough 1 Oswestry 3

GOLF

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida: Men's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated) 269: R Fehr 63, 70, 68, 68. 271: F Zoeller 66, 70, 69, 66, C Stadler 66, 66, 67, 70. 272: S Stricker 72, 67, 66, 67, T Dodds (Nam) 68, 66, 70, 68. 273: R Gamez 66, 69, 68, 68. 274: D Hammond 66, 72, 67, 67; D Tewell 69, 66, 71, 68; B Kamm 69, 69, 68, 68; G Day 65, 68, 72, 69. 276: J Huston 68, 72, 70, 66; M McCumber 69, 70, 71, 66, J Gallagher 65, 68, 74, 69; C Dennis 67, 67, 72, 70.

NAPA, California: Seniors' tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 204: F Zarley 70, 68, 66; I Aoki (Japan) 69, 72, 63 (Zarley won play-off) 208: J C Snead 71, 69, 66. D Stockton 71, 69, 68. G Player (SA) 68, 68, 70

GOLF FOUNDATION TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SCHOOLS: Qualifying round: Wilshire GC, Blackburn: 239: Queen Elizabeth GS (S Readett 75, P Clarkson 81, N Dougherty 83) 243: Haslingden HS 253: South Craven. Best individual: S Readett (Queen Elizabeth GS) 75

GYMNASTICS

PARIS: World rhythmic championships: Ball: equal 1, E Serebrianskaia (Ukr) and E Vitrichenko (Ukr) 9.875pts, 3, M Petrova (Bul) 9.825. Ribbon: 1, E Serebrianskaia (Ukr) 9.90; 2, E Vitrichenko (Ukr) 9.85, equal 3, M Petrova and A Zaripova (Russ) 9.85. Team cords: 1, Russia 19.587, 2, Bulgaria 19.537; 3, Spain 19.400

HOCKEY

ALL-ENGLAND WOMENS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: First round: Part one: Aldershot 0 Oxford Hawks 1, Aldridge 7 Harborne 0; Ambleside 2 Newcastle 5; Anchorians 0 Teddington 0 (Anchorian won 4-3 on pens); Ashford 4 NPL 0; Basingstoke 2 Camberley 0; Belvedere 6 Petersfield 0; Bishops Stortford 1 Burnt Ash 0; Bury St Edmunds 1 Luton Town 1 (Luton won 4-3 on pens); Cheshunt 1 Hendon 4; Chester 11 Redditch 1; Christchurch 0 Dereham 1; Cleobury 0 Winnington Park 13. Colwall 1 Worcester Norton 0; Craven Arms 1 Edgbaston 5; Crimson Ramblers 4 Lichfield 0; Deal 1 Burgess Hill 0; Deeside Ramblers 3 Bowdon 0, Dulwich 6 Ranelagh 0; East Gloucester 1 Hampton-in-Arden 3, Enfield 0 Guildford 12. Epsom 1 Eastleigh 0. Farnborough 4 Tunbridge Wells 0; Farnham Common 1 Tring 1 (Tring won 3-1 on pens); Gore Court 0 Eastcote 1, Green Dragons 0 Exeter 0 (Green Dragons won 3-1 on pens); GRFC 0 Broxbourne 4; Holmes Chapel 5 Stone 1; Huntingdon 0 Charnwood 4, Kettering 0 Bedford 1. Leighton Buzzard 4 Marlow 0; Letchworth 2 Wapping 0. Leyland Motors 2 Darlington 0. Loughborough 3 Charnock 0; Ludlow 0 Cheltenham 16; Maidenhead 1 Havant 1 (Maidenhead won 4-2 on pens); Nelson 1 Welton 6, Newton Abbot 0 Penzance 5; North Staffs 3 Poynton 1, North Wilts 0 Buckingham 1. Norton 4 Yorkshire Bank 1. Norwich City 0 Colchester 1; Old De Ferrians 0 Cambridge City 5: Old Loughtonians 0 Bexleyheath 0 (Old Loughtonians won 4-3 on pens): Ormskirk Ford 3 Warrington 0; Peterborough 0 Pelicans 2, Phoenix 1 Staines 2; Redridge and Ilford 2 Welwyn Garden City 1. Rosebery 1 Durham City 0; Salcombe 0 St Agnes 1, Saracens 5 Sileby 1; Sheffield 7 Oldham 0; Shipston-On-Stour 1 Redhill 1 (Shipston won 4-2 on pens); Sonning 1 Fleet 0, South Nottingham 0 Bloomsfield 2, Spencer 1 Bognor Regis 1 (Spencer won 4-3 on pens) Springfields 1 Crosby 2; Royston w/o Southgate (withdrew). Part two: Stourport 0 Lillington Warwich 2: St Austell 3 Falmouth 1; St Ives 0 Brentwood 1; Sunbury 4 Basildon 1; Tulse Hill 4 Polytechnic 2, United Services Portsmouth 2 Brighton and Hove 1, West Bromwich 3 Shrewsbury 0: West Herts 0 Newbury 0 (Newbury win 3-0 on pens), Weymouth 0 Weston 1, Whitley Bay 4 Ben Rhydding 0, Wigan 2 Disley 0; Winchester 2 Swindon 1, Wolverhampton 1 Matlock Balleans 4, Worksop 10 Chase Terrace 0; Yale 0 City Of Portsmouth 1.

ICE HOCKEY

EUROPEAN CUP: Tilburg, Holland: Cardiff 4 Torpedo Ust-Kamenogorsk 3.

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Quarter-finals: Fife 2 Edinburgh 4; Nottingham 14 Slough 4, Humberside 8 Sheffield 8.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Durham 5 Peterborough 6, Basingstoke 12 Milton Keynes 3. First division: Chelmsford 6 Romford 5; Guildford 4 Swindon 6, Lee Valley 5 Medway 7, Paisley 12 Blackburn 5; Solihull 3 Telford 4, Trafford 3 Teesside 6.

MOTOR RACING

MONTEREY, California: IndyCar race: 1, P Tracy (Can, Penske-Ilmor) 84 laps (92.976mph); 2, R Boesel (Br, Lola-Ford Cosworth) 84. 3, J Villeneuve (Can, Reynard-Ford Cosworth) 84; 4, E Fittipaldi (Br Penske-Ilmor) 84; 5, T Fabi (It, Reynard-Ilmor) 84; 6, A Luyendyk (Holl, Lola-Ilmor Indy) 84, 7, A Fernandez (Mex, Reynard-Ilmor) 84, 8, N Mansell (GB, Lola-Ford Cosworth) 83. Final positions: 1, A Unser Jr 225pts; 2, Fittipaldi 178: 3, Tracy 152. 8, Mansell 88.

MOTOR RALLYING

SAN REMO RALLY: Leaders after four stages: 1, C Sainz (Sp, Subaru), 1hr 16min 52sec. 2, M Wilson (GB, Ford), at 26sec: 3, B Thiry (Bel, Ford) at 27: 4, G Cunico (It, Ford), at 57, 5, D Auriol (Fr, Toyota), at 1min 22sec; 6, C McRae (GB, Subaru), at 1 29: 7, Massimo Biasion (It, Ford) at 1 34

REAL TENNIS

ORATORY SCHOOL: Browning Cup: British professional handicap championship (GB unless stated): Second round: R Gunn bt H Latham 6-2, 6-4; D Jones bt Miss M Hattell (Aus) 6-3, 6-3, M Jones bt C Lumley (Aus) 6-0, 2-6, 6-2: N Wood bt T Haughan 6-2, 6-5. P Tabley (Aus) bt M Eadie 6-2, 4-6, 6-5; A Phillips bt A Oliver 6-2, 6-3, I Ronaldson bt M Gooding 6-2, 5-6, 6-5, J Howell bt A Lyons 6-4, 6-3. Quarter-finals: Gunn bt D Jones 6-3, 6-0: Wood bt M Jones 3-6, 6-1, 6-1. Tabley bt Phillips 2-6, 6-0, 6-1, Ronaldson bt Howell 5-6, 6-2, 6-2. Semi-finals: Gunn bt Wood 6-2, 6-4: Tabley bt Ronaldson 5-6, 6-2, 6-4. Final: Tabley bt Gunn 6-0, 6-4

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS: Duke of York's, Dover 10 Sevenoaks 15.

SHOOTING

BISLEY, Welsh open championship: 1, J James 404 69pts: 2, L Orpen-Smellie 401 53; 3, R Bennett 397 58. Closed championship: 1, James 404 69, 2, D Davies 395 52, 3, C Hockley 395 46. Grand aggregate: 1, James 405 67, 2, Orpen-Smellie 401 56; 3, Bennett 398.60. Junior championship: 1, G O'Leary 355.50; 2, T Walters 374.35; 3, J Davies 273.20. International teams of eight: 1, England 3165; 2, Wales 3123. Two-day team match (long and short-range), 1, Scotland 7898.913, 2, London and Middlesex 7893.92.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Swindon: First division riders' championship: 1, S Ermolenko (Wolverhampton) 15pts; 2, H Nielsen (Coventry) 13, 3, M Dugard (Eastbourne) 11, 4 M Loram (Kings Lynn) 10

OXFORD: Benefit challenge match: Blue Cheetahs 44 Red Rebels 34

LINLITHGOW: Challenge match: Scottish Select 38 North of England Select 40.

SQUASH

ST PETER PORT, Guernsey: Women's world team championship: First qualifying round: Pool A: Australia 3 Scotland 0 (Australia names first: M Martin bt S Macfie 9-1, 9-7, 9-2; S FitzGerald bt C Waddell 9-1, 9-2, 9-0; C Owens bt W Maitland 9-3, 9-4, 9-7) Pool B: England 3 Canada 0 (England names first: S Horner bt H Wallace 2-9, ret, S Wright bt M Jarvis 9-2, 9-0, 9-4; M LeMoignan bt L Slyner 9-0, 9-0, 9-3). Pool C: Finland 3 Brazil 0: France 2 Singapore 1. Pool D: Japan 2 Malaysia 1

TENNIS

ATHENS: Men's tournament: Final: A Berasategui (Sp) bt O Martinez (Sp) 4-6, 7-6, 6-3

DUBLIN: Men's tournament: Final: D Prinosil (Ger) bt R Vacek (Cz) 6-3, 6-3.

NATIONAL CLUB LEAGUE: Regional division play-offs: Men: Millfield 3 David Lloyd Finchley 3 (David Lloyd Finchley won 64-63 on games), West Bridgford 4 Ilkley 2. Women: Newlands 4 Roundhill 2: Connaught 3 Millfield 3 (Millfield won 67-64 on games).

TRAMPOLINING

OPORTO: World championships: Men: 1, A Moskalenko (Russ) 41.0pts; 2, D Polieruşh (Bela) 40.1; 3, N Kazak (Bela) 38.8; 8, T Kypri (GB) 35.0. Women: I Karavaeva (Russ) 39.8; 2, A Holmes (GB) 37.8, 3, T Lushina (Russ) 37.4, 4, S Challis (GB) 37.0.

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 08.00GMT yesterday with miles to Cape Town): Class 1: 1, Ecureuil Poitou-Charente 2 (I Autissier, Fr) 2,678 miles; 2, Vendée Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 3,098; 3, Ben Vie (J Provoyeur, SA) 3,218; 4, Scotts Calberson (C Auguin, Fr) 3,297; 5, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 3,334; 6, Coyote (D Scully, US) 3,336, 7, Gartmore Investment Managers (J Hall, GB) 3,570; 8, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 3,923. Class 2: 1, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 3,229, 2, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 3,499; 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 3,531; 4, Jimrode II (N Vaughan, GB) 3,575; 5, Shuten-Dohji II (M Saito, Japan) 3,950; 6, Sky Catcher (N Rowe, GB) 3,976; 7, Cornwall (R Davie, GB) 4,489; 8, Town of Cervia (S Bianchetti, It) 4,649; 9, Henry Hornblower (H Mitchell, GB) 4,555; 10, Protect Our Sealife (N Peterson, SA) 4,664, 11, Cardiac 88 (F Romack, US) 5,266.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday October 15 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Arsenal v Chelsea X
2 A Villa v Norwich 1
3 Blackburn v Liverpool 1
4 C Palace v Newcastle X
5 Everton v Coventry 1
6 Leeds v Tottenham X
7 Leicester v South'pton 2
8 Man Utd v West Ham 1
9 QPR v Man City 2
Not on coupons: Ipswich v Sheffield Wednesday (Sunday), Nottingham Forest v Wimbledon (Monday)

FIRST DIVISION
10 Luton v Middlesbro 2
11 Millwall v Stoke 2
12 Port Vale v Charlton 1
13 Portsmth v Swindon X
14 Reading v Bristol C 1
15 Sunderland v Burnley 1
16 Tranmere v WBA 1
17 Watford v Notts Co 1
Not on coupons: Bolton v Oldham (Sunday); Sheffield United v Barnsley (Sunday); Southend v Derby (Sunday): Wolves v Grimsby

SECOND DIVISION
18 Blackpool v Bradford 1
19 B'mouth v Brentford 2
20 Brighton v Birm'gham X
21 Bristol R v Cardiff 1
22 Crewe v Shrewsbury X
23 Hudd'field v Camb U 1
24 Leyton O v Chester 1
25 P'boro v Stockport 1
26 Plymouth v Wycombe 2
27 Rotherham v York X
28 Swansea v Oxford 2
29 Wrexham v Hull 2

THIRD DIVISION
30 Bury v Lincoln 1
31 Carlisle v Colchester 1
32 Ch'field v Darl'ton 1
33 Fulham v Exeter 1
34 Hartlepool v Preston X
35 Hereford v Gillingham 1
36 Northampton v Barnet X
37 Scarboro v Doncaster 2
38 Scunthorpe v Walsall 1
39 Torquay v Mansfield 2
40 Wigan v Rochdale 2

NORTHERN PREMIER
41 Morecambe v Frickley 1
42 Spennymoor v Marine 2
43 Winsford v Guiseley X
44 Witton v Hyde 1

SCOTTISH PREMIER
45 Aberdeen v Moth'well 1
46 Dundee U v Partick 1
47 Falkirk v Hibernian 2
48 Hearts v Celtic 1
49 Rangers v Kilmarnock 1

SCOTTISH FIRST
50 Ayr v Dunfermline 2
51 Hamilton v Clydebank X
52 Raith v Dundee 2
53 St Johnstone v Stranraer 1
54 St Mirren v Airdrie 2

SCOTTISH SECOND
55 Clyde v Brechin 1
56 Dumbarton v Stenhousemuir 1
57 Meadowbank v East Fife 2
58 Queen of South v Greenock Morton X
Not on coupons: Stirling v Berwick

SCOTTISH THIRD
Not on coupons: Arbroath v East Stirling; Cowdenbeath v Forfar; Montrose v Caledonian; Queen's Park v Alloa; Ross v Albion

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Arsenal, Crystal Palace, Leeds, Portsmouth, Brighton, Crewe, Rotherham, Hartlepool, Northampton, Winsford, Hamilton, Queen of the South.

BEST DRAWS: Arsenal, Portsmouth, Brighton, Crewe, Hartlepool.

AWAYS: Southampton, Manchester City, Stoke, Brentford, Doncaster.

HOMES: Aston Villa, Everton, Port Vale, Sunderland, Blackpool, Bristol Rovers, Chesterfield, Hereford, Scunthorpe, Morecambe, Dundee United, St Johnstone.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Everton, Port Vale, Sunderland, Bristol Rovers, Hereford. Aways: Manchester City, Brentford, Doncaster. Draws: Arsenal, Portsmouth, Brighton.

□ Vince Wright

Vince Wright correctly predicted all five fixed odds home selections last Saturday

RACING RESULTS

Leicester

Going: good

2.00 (1m 8yd) 1, Fairlead (J Tate, 20-1); 2, Queens Stroller (14-1); 3, Phase One (8-1); 4, Lady Lacey (9-2 fav). 20 ran. 1l, ¾l. K McAuliffe. Tote: £51.60; £6.80, £3.90, £3.20, £1.50. DF: £140.40. Trio: £2,179.30 (pool of £224.78 carried forward to 3.30 race today). CSF: £275.08. Tricast: £2,235.35.

2.30 (1m 8yd) 1, Bentico (J Weaver, 16-1); 2, Johnnie The Joker (16-1); 3, Mr Rough (12-1). Billie Grey 5-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Regina Alicia. 1¾l, sh hd. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £21.00; £4.10, £8.00, £3.10. DF: £93.10. CSF: £249.88.

3.00 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, Calling Jamaica (T Quinn, 13-2); 2, Tribal Peace (20-1); 3, Prezzemolo (12-1). Vindaloo 6-1 fav. 19 ran. Hd, 3½l. P Cole. Tote: £5.30; £2.80, £6.50, £3.30. DF: £191.60. CSF: £133.88. Winner sold for 5,500gns. After stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.30 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, La Riveraine (M Henry, 10-1); 2, Golden Arrow (2-1 fav); 3, Mneata (8-1). 10 ran. 2½l, ¾l. J Hills. Tote: £10.30; £2.20, £1.40, £2.70. DF: £20.00. Trio: £42.90. CSF: £31.04. Tricast: £164.62.

4.00 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, Stiletto (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 2, Great Crusader (11-8 fav); 3, Warning Order (3-1). 5 ran. 3½l, hd. R Hannon. Tote: £5.90; £2.20, £1.10. DF: £4.90. CSF: £8.35.

4.30 (7f 9yd) 1, Shepely (Pat Eddery, Evens fav); 2, Marzipan (16-1); 3, Beauchamp Jade (8-1). 18 ran. 3l, ¾l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £2.60, £2.40. DF: £25.70. CSF: £22.17.

5.00 (7f 9yd) 1, Bessemaat (G Milligan, 5-1); 2, Triple Joy (9-4 fav); 3, Fine Essence (5-1). 20 ran. 1½l, ¾l. Mrs L Piggott. Tote: £5.90; £2.00, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £8.10. CSF: £19.00

5.30 (7f 9yd) 1, Zilayah (W R Swinburn, 3-1 fav); 2f, Pitcroy (7-1); 2f, Trimming (7-2). 17 ran. 2½l, dd-ht. M Stoute. Tote: £4.10, £1.70. Pitcroy £4.00, Trimming £3.90. DF: Zilayah, Pitcroy £13.80; Zilayah, Trimming £3.30. CSF: Zilayah, Pitcroy £13.07; Zilayah, Trimming £7.50.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £2,634.48 carried forward to Leicester today).

Placepot: £388.60. Quadpot: £48.70.

Carlisle

Going: good

1.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Nashville Star (P Niven, 5-2); 2, Glenugie (2-1 fav); 3, Doon Ridge (9-4). 10 ran. 1¾l, 11l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £6.60. CSF: £7.23.

2.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Souson (K Jones, 3-1); 2, Stags Fell (7-2); 3, La Douzelle (100-1). Irish Flasher 13-8 fav. 7 ran. 15l, 1½l. J Wade. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £3.30. DF: £13.20. CSF: £12.74.

2.50 Race void.

3.20 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Stepfaster (A Thornton, 5-1); 2, Supposin (4-1), 3, Cardenden (9-1). Charming Gale 9-4 jt-fav. 5 ran. 4l, 25l. Miss L Siddall. Tote: £8.10; £4.10, £1.80. DF: £9.00. CSF: £21.30.

3.50 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Monaru (G Lee, 7-2); 2, White Diamond (9-2); 3, Palm House (8-1). Glandalane Lady 5-4 fav. 5 ran. 1¾l, 8l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £2.50. DF: £9.50. CSF: £16.56.

4.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Atherton Green (A S Smith, 4-1); 2, Trump (11-2); 3, Red Marauder (10-1). Col Buckmore 7-4 fav. 7 ran. 2½l, ¾l. J Glover. Tote: £3.40; £2.00, £2.00. DF: £9.40. CSF: £23.33.

4.50 (2m 1f flat) 1, My Warrior (D Bentley, 14-1); 2, Sparky Gayle (9-4 fav); 3, Broadwater Boy (4-1). 19 ran. NR: Sigma Run, Uncle Keeny, Wills Telmar. Nk, nk. J Edwards. Tote: £18.60; £7.30, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £21.80. CSF: £43.49

Placepot: £86.90. Quadpot: £11.90.

Fontwell Park

Going: firm (good to firm in places)

2.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Speedy Snaps Image (Peter Hobbs, 11-4 fav); 2, Strath Kitten (14-1); 3, Nandura (15-2). 8 ran. Nk, 12l. C Weedon. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £26.90. CSF: £35.71.

2.40 (2m 3f ch) 1, Congregation (R Dunwoody, 8-15 fav); 2, St Athans Lad (15-8); 3, Be Surprised (16-1). 4 ran. 9l, dist. R Rowe. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.40. CSF: £1.83. Winner bought in for 2,900gns.

3.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Mulciber (M Perrett, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Tel E Thon (16-1); 3, Thuhool (16-1). Rich Life 9-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. 1¾l, 2l. G Harwood. Tote: £2.40; £1.60, £8.10. DF: £24.70. CSF: £29.48

3.40 (2m 3f ch) 1, Falconbridge Bay (J R Kavanagh, 6-1); 2, Duke Of Aprolon (7-4 fav); 3, Cruise Control (9-4). 4 ran. ¾l, ¾l. Miss A Embiricos. Tote: £9.50. DF: £6.10. CSF: £16.17.

4.10 (2m 2f) 1, Ivy Edith (D O'Sullivan, 6-4); 2, Glencarrig Gale (3-1). Zulu Pearl 11-8 fav. 4 ran. NR: Too Sharp. 20l. T Mills. Tote: £2.40. DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.84. Only two finished.

4.40 (3m 2f 110yd) 1, Ocean Link (Mr P Henley, 6-5 fav); 2, The Humble Tiller (11-2); 3, Fighting Days (3-1). 6 ran. 3l, 20l. R Alner. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £3.00. DF: £3.90. CSF: £8.26.

Placepot: £567.90. Quadpot: £76.60.

□ Gary Stevens, one of the top American jockeys, takes the ride on Reg Akehurst's Urgent Request in the Rothmans International at Woodbine, in Canada, on Sunday. Stevens replaces Richard Quinn, who is committed to ride for Paul Cole this weekend.

Hatoof primed to land big-race double

HATOOF, trained in France by Criquette Head, is an even money favourite with Corals to win consecutive runnings of the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday. Muhtarram, Grand Lodge and La Confederation represent the best British hopes in an entry which also includes a second French challenger, Dernier Empereur, and two German horses, Lando and Embarcadero.

Muhtarram, who is quoted at 6-1, is likely to wear blinkers for the first time, having worked well in them at Newmarket on Saturday. His owner, Shaikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, could also be represented by Mehthaaf.

His racing manager, Angus Gold, said: "We will have to see how she works this week before we decide but she did not set the world alight at Ascot last time. I think it's unlikely she will run."

David Loder was waiting to discover whether Michael Kinane is available to partner Sun Chariot Stakes winner La Confederation, a supplementary entry, before finalising riding plans, but Pat Eddery will be on Grand Lodge.

Peter Chapple-Hyam has still to decide Turtle Island's probable last race, but a spokesperson said yesterday that Thursday's Challenge Stakes "looks more likely".

The German-trained Lando, who ran creditably in the Arc, is also engaged in a group one race in Italy on Sunday but connections favour Newmarket, where Embarcadero would act as pacemaker. Michael Roberts will be approached to ride.

Corals also bet: 8-1 Dernier Empereur, Grand Lodge, 10-1 La Confederation, 12-1 Turtle Island, 16-1 Mehthaaf, 20-1 Alderbrook, Lando and Sacrament, 33-1 others.

The weights for the Tote Cesarewitch will rise by 12lb, leaving Dover Patrol, trained by Henry Cecil, as the new top weight. Admiral's Well, trained by Reg Akehurst and to be ridden by Pat Eddery, remains a clear favourite.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CLARES OWN
(3.20 Sedgefield)
Nb: Notable Exception
(2.50 Sedgefield)

JULIAN HERBERT



Carnegie, right, holds off a series of late challenges to win the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp

Carnegie ruled out of Breeders' Cup series

By Julian Muscat

CARNEGIE, the winner of the Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, was yesterday ruled out of leading the European challenge on Breeders' Cup Day next month. The son of Sadler's Wells is to bypass the $2 million Breeders' Cup Turf at Churchill Downs, Kentucky, and will not race again this term. However, he is expected to stay in training next season, when his racing career, injuries permitting, will almost certainly conclude at the Breeders' Cup meeting in 12 months.

"Carnegie is a big horse and therefore unlikely to be suited to the tight turns of the track at Churchill Downs," Anthony Stroud, racing manager to the colt's owner, Shaikh Mohammed, said. "He has only run seven times in his life and he will be much better suited by the track at Belmont Park in New York next year. In any case, André Fabre [the horse's trainer] is not keen to run Carnegie this time and I entirely agree with him."

Confirmation that Carnegie will not travel to North America now means that Shaikh Mohammed, enjoying his best season in Europe, will be represented in the Breeders' Cup by Barathea and Intrepidity. Both are intended runners, in the Mile and the Turf respectively. Barathea, who ran unplaced in the Mile at Santa Anita, California, 12 months ago, will be running his final race before embarking on a stallion career in Ireland.

Intrepidity's participation in the Turf depends on her gaining a place in the field, to be selected by a panel of international handicappers later this month. Another by Sadler's Wells, Intrepidity suggested she was approaching her best when second in the Prix Foy, three weeks before the Arc.

However, in the Arc itself, after racing prominently to the straight, Intrepidity dropped away to finish only thirteenth.

"Although she hasn't recaptured the form which saw her win the Oaks last season, we are keen to give her one more chance," Stroud said yesterday.

Organisers of the Breeders' Cup meeting have acted to help the European challenge, which does so much to raise the profile of the event. In the build-up to Breeders' Cup day, which carries prize-money of $10 million [£6.3 million], trainers have been granted access to the turf track for an extra 30 minutes every morning.

Most American-trained horses undertake their daily exercise on the dirt track, on which five of the seven races will be contested. But the turf track will now open for an hour at 9am, enabling trainers to make better use of the surface. Also, the starting stalls for the Mile, which starts in front of the grandstand, have been moved back to allow runners more time to establish a position before they meet the first of two bends.

The seven-furlong circumference of the turf track does not favour horses trained in Europe. Three years ago, when Churchill Downs last hosted the Breeders' Cup, Europe fielded six of the 14 runners in the Mile but none could finish in the first three. It was at the same meeting that Arazi etched himself into the record books, prompting Shaikh Mohammed to pay a reported $9 million for a half-share in the colt.

Whatever fate awaits Shaikh Mohammed's horses this time, he can reflect on an outstanding season in Europe. Carnegie's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe victory was his first in that race, and the shaikh has every chance of closing the season as the leading owner in Britain, Ireland and France. Although he has topped the list of owners in Britain for eight of the last nine years, this is the first season his horses have earned in excess of £2 million.

Carlisle race made void

THE Old Man Of Coniston Novices' Chase at Carlisle yesterday was declared void after the seventh fence from home had to be dolled-off because of the fatal fall of Brigadier Davis. The seven-year-old came down at the fence and lay on the landing side of the obstacle.

Course officials immediately put dolls and bollards across the take-off side of the fence and the jockeys had no alternative but to pull up. The rules of racing make no provision for an obstacle being omitted once a race has started. All bets on the race are void.

Russ Garritty, the rider of Brigadier Davis, was unhurt.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER
2.10 Bookcase. 2.40 Mistle Thrush. 3.10 Pusey Street Boy. 3.40 Simply Finesse. 4.10 **DOUBLE BLUE (nap)**. 4.40 Star Tulip. 5.10 Perfect Brave.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 FONTHILL HANDICAP
(£4,125: 1m 4f 23yd) (18 runners)

1 (5) 0813 WARM SPELL 4 (CD,G,S) G L Moore 4-9-10 B Rouse 94
2 (11) 1-6 GOLDEN MEMORIES 129 (S) M H-Ellis 3-9-10 J Carroll 89
3 (6) 2600 PELORUS 52 (F,S) D Elsworth 9-9-9 D Harrison 91
4 (7) 0155 WORLD EXPRESS 12 (C,S) B Millman 4-9-6 W Newnes 93
5 (12) 0-10 WHITE LODGE 178 (S) Mrs J Cecil 3-9-6 K Darley 89
6 (18) 0-00 BOOKCASE 12 (D,F,G,S) D Elsworth 7-9-3 J Williams 90
7 (3) 3330 LOSHJO 17J (D,V,F,G) D Burchell 5-9-3 J Reid 88
8 (15) 0354 CONSPICUOUS 12 (G) L Cottrell 4-8-13 N Carlisle 90
9 (1) 50-0 AICHCAILLOCH 26 (D,F,S) J King 5-8-12 R Hughes 88
10 (13) 3300 BEE BEAT 6 (F) A Chamberlain 6-8-3 Martin Dwyer (7) 94
11 (9) 0003 CHANSON D'AVRIL 15 C Cyzer 3-8-1 T Williams 98
12 (10) 5900 EJTAAZ 18 M Pipe 3-8-0 A McGlone 90
13 (2) 5153 ROCQUAINE BAY 48 (D,F) M Bolton 7-8-0 B Doyle 96
14 (14) 6560 BRIDE'S PRIDE 122 G Ham 3-7-13 D Wright (5) 99
15 (17) 060- CHAPEL OF BARRAS 165J P Hobbs 5-7-11 N Adams –
16 (16) 0500 HUSH TINA 50 R Hannon 3-7-10 S Dawson 89
17 (4) 1205 SHUTTLECOCK 91 (G,S) P Phillips 3-7-8 J Lowe 90
18 (2) 0561 GRANBY BELL 14 (D,G) P Hayward 3-7-7 R Street 93

4-1 Warm Spell, 6-1 White Lodge, 8-1 Chapel Of Barras, 10-1 World Express, Granby Bell, Rocquaine Bay, Chanson d'Avril, 14-1 others.

2.40 SWETTENHAM FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,357: 1m 2f 36yd) (5)

1 (5) 3112 MORGANA 7 (F) P Chapple-Hyam 9-2 J Reid 91
2 (2) 6000 TABLAH 18 (S) P Walwyn 8-13 J Carroll 81
3 (4) 2164 MISTLE THRUSH 32 (CD,F) H Cecil 8-12 A McGlone 88
4 (3) 51 UNCHARTED WATERS 10 (D,F) C Cyzer 8-12 G Duffield 77
5 (1) 4464 SPOT PRIZE 54 (G) D Elsworth 8-11 W Newnes 99

7-4 Morgana, 9-4 Spot Prize, 7-2 Mistle Thrush, 5-1 Uncharted Waters, 8-1 Tablah.

3.10 ANNUAL FLAT v JUMP JOCKEYS CHALLENGE HANDICAP
(£2,426: 7f 16yd) (12)

1 (9) 020- ROCA MURADA 153J (D,G,S) P Hobbs 5-11-10 G McCourt (5) 88
2 (8) 0/0 CLASSIC IMAGE 15 M Pipe 4-11-4 J Carroll –
3 (6) 4210 FIRST GOLD 8 (BF,F,S) J Wharton 5-11-1 W Newnes 99
4 (11) 10-0 LIVONIAN 17J (G) O Sherwood 4-11-1 G Duffield 90
5 (1) 0060 SUPER SENZ 18 (D,G,S) B Beasley 8-11-0 W Marston (5) 92
6 (7) 0205 PUSEY STREET BOY 8 (D,F,G,S) J Bosley 7-10-11 B Powell (5) 93
7 (10) 0230 DOUBLE SHIFT 31 B Millman 5-10-11 J Williams 87
8 (4) 5050 LOUISVILLE BELLE 10 (G) M Usher 5-10-10 J Osborne (5) 93
9 (12) 0040 FIKIAH 13 (D,F,S) A Foster 7-10-10 G Bradley (5) 91
10 (3) 5600 EARLY STAR 36 (D,G) K Bishop 5-10-10 J Reid 85
11 (5) 1300 LITTLE ROUSILLON 8 (D,G,S) W Muir 6-10-9 C Llewellyn (5) 95
12 (2) 5230 MISLEMANI 39 A Newcombe 4-10-8 K Darley 85

4-1 First Gold, 5-1 Pusey Street Boy, 7-1 Double Shift, 8-1 Classic Image, 10-1 Roca Murada, Fikiah, Little Rousillon, 12-1 others.

3.40 GAINSBOROUGH SELLING STAKES
(£3,143: 1m 14yd) (23)

1 (2) 5310 DIACO 11 (D,F,G) M Jarvis 9-9-7 K Darley 88
2 (22) 6103 MOROCCO 11 (D,F,S) M Channon 5-9-7 R Hughes 91
3 (12) 1006 KNIGHTRIDER 29 (B,D,F) C James 3-9-3 W Newnes 83
4 (13) 6543 CAPE PIGEON 8 (V,C,F,S) L Cottrell 9-9-2 N Carlisle 99
5 (4) 00-0 CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 276 R Peacock 5-9-2 J Carroll 58
6 (16) 5000 MOGWAI 39 (B,D,G) M Meade 5-9-2 M Perrett 80
7 (19) 60-0 MUSTAHIL 12J (B,D,F,G) R Hodges 5-9-2 S Drowne (5) 92
8 (23) 5020 MY GODSON 15 (B,F,S) B Beasley 4-9-2 A Culhane 83
9 (1) 0053 PRECIOUS WONDER 7 (S) P Butler 5-9-2 C Hodgson (3) 85
10 (17) 0050 SIMPLY FINESSE 28 (F) R Akehurst 4-9-2 J Reid 97
11 (5) 0-06 BODANTREE 22 C Broad 3-8-12 V Slattery 64
12 (8) 060- CYCLONE 19J (B) W G Turner 3-8-12 G Duffield –
13 (11) 5-00 JUST JUNIOR 45 T Naughton 3-8-12 V Halliday (7) 63
14 (7) 000- PETITJEAN 332 D Burchell 3-8-12 J Williams 79
15 (3) 6040 PINATUBO 13 H Candy 3-8-12 S Dawson 84
16 (18) 00 RIGHTACRES LAD 27 J Bradley 3-8-12 S Lanigan (7) –
17 (6) 0 SWEET SALVO 15 C Broad 3-8-12 N Adams –
18 (14) 3000 PUCK'S DELIGHT 38 D Thom 4-8-11 B Doyle 82
19 (21) 3-22 ROCKY BAY 190J (D,G,S) B Llewellyn 5-8-11 D Harrison 80
20 (15) 400- TENDRESSE 151J (C,D,F,G,S) R Hodges 6-8-11 Amanda Sanders (7) 83
21 (10) MAYTINO W G M Turner 3-8-7 T Sprake –
22 (20) 0-0 NORTHLAND STAR 15 G Ham 3-8-7 D Wright (5) –
23 (9) 00-0 POLHYMNIA 21 T Naughton 3-8-7 A McGlone –

5-1 Cape Pigeon, 6-1 Diaco, 7-1 Simply Finesse, 8-1 Morocco, 12-1 Rocky Bay, Precious Wonder, 14-1 others.

4.10 LESTER PIGGOTT ALL-AGED CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,450: 6f 16yd) (13)

1 (6) 2010 DOUBLE BLUE 3 (D,F,G,S) M Johnston 5-9-13 D Casey (7) 99
2 (11) 6031 NIGHT MELODY 13 (D,F,G,S) R Hannon 4-9-13 K Darley 94
3 (9) 3025 PHARAOH'S DANCER 109 (D,G,S) M McCormack 7-9-11 M Perrett 64
4 (13) 1420 BEST KEPT SECRET 43 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 3-9-9 J Carroll 73
5 (4) 3006 GONE TO POT 49 (V,D,F) R J Houghton 3-9-7 A McGlone 79
6 (2) 6005 MR BERGERAC 17 (D,S) B Palling 3-9-7 T Sprake 68
7 (3) 0030 CRADLE DAYS 3 (F,G) R Hannon 5-9-5 R Hughes 85
8 (12) 0 LIGHT MOVEMENT 5 B Beasley 4-9-5 A Culhane –
9 (10) 0 SET-EM-ALIGHT 12J M Eckley 4-9-5 T Wall –
10 (7) 4006 EVENING FALLS 6 (B,G) J Spearing 3-9-2 J Williams 85
11 (8) 2065 PETERSFORD GIRL 60 (D,G) Miss J Doyle 4-9-2 J Reid 88
12 (1) 56 DANSEUSE DAVIS 24 K McAuliffe 3-8-12 D Harrison 55
13 (5) 1 ESPARTERO 22 (D,G) M Prescott 2-8-2 G Duffield 89

2-1 Double Blue, 5-2 Night Melody, 5-1 Espartero, 8-1 Gone To Pot, Evening Falls, 10-1 Cradle Days, 12-1 Petersford Girl, 14-1 others.

4.40 WHITSBURY MANOR FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,424: 6f 16yd) (7)

1 (7) 2110 STAR TULIP 14 (D,F,S) J Dunlop 9-1 K Darley 99
2 (6) 160 DOCTOR'S GLORY 59 (F) R Hannon 8-13 J Reid 78
3 (5) 1 MAYDAAN 12 (S) B Hanbury 8-13 A McGlone 77
4 (4) 2061 SYLVANDRA 15 (D,G) P Murphy 8-13 J Williams 80
5 (3) 4424 SPECTATOR 20 (D,G) C Hill 8-11 G Duffield 96
6 (1) 34 CORK STREET GIRL 89 B Meehan 8-9 T Williams 64
7 (2) 00 MISTY MELODY 14 R Akehurst 8-9 D Harrison 52

2-1 Star Tulip, 9-4 Maydaan, 5-1 Doctor's Glory, Sylvandra, 12-1 others.

5.10 BLOOMSBURY HANDICAP
(£3,214: 5f 16yd) (20)

1 (20) 1-40 CERTIFICATE-X 27 (D,F,S) M Meade 3-10-0 M Perrett 86
2 (15) 0305 BELLS OF LONGWICK 6 (D,F,G,S) D Laing 5-9-13 S Drowne (5) 98
3 (1) 2006 WALK THE BEAT 140 (D,F,S) R Simpson 4-9-13 A Tucker 83
4 (3) 461 KILDEE LAD 11 (D,F,G) A Jones 4-9-13 J Williams 94
5 (17) 2006 JUCEA 11 (D,F) J Spearing 5-9-7 R Painter (5) 88
6 (16) 0432 CAHERASS COURT 10 B Meehan 3-9-6 B Doyle 96
7 (2) 4056 LAUNE 94 (D,BF,F) Mrs J Cecil 3-9-6 S Mulvey (5) 89
8 (6) 3224 RANDOM 11 (D,G) C James 3-9-5 W Newnes 93
9 (5) 1001 DORIS DOORS 13 (D,G) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-4 D Harrison 99
10 (11) 4020 MIRIAM 48 (D,F) M F-Godley 3-9-2 Martin Dwyer (7) 89
11 (7) 6036 PERFECT BRAVE 13 D Elsworth 3-9-2 B Rouse 89
12 (19) 2236 MICHELLISA 21 (BF) J Bethell 3-8-13 K Darley 90
13 (9) 1000 ELUNED MAY 70 (B,CD,F) R Whitaker 3-8-10 A Culhane 96
14 (12) 0000 THE INSTITUTE BOY 26 (D,G) G Oldroyd 4-8-8 S Webster 92
15 (18) 0206 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 13 (V,D,G) M Channon 3-8-6 R Hughes 92
16 (10) /00 WAVERLEY STAR 11 (D,G,S) K C-Brown 9-8-6 G Duffield 91
17 (4) 2300 HEATHYARDS GEM 24 (G) R Hollinshead 4-8-3 N Carlisle 85
18 (13) 6-00 CRAFTY CRICKETER 13 (B) R Voorspuy 3-8-1 T Sprake 80
19 (14) 0630 LORINS GOLD 8 (B) A Turnell 4-7-12 N Adams 97
20 (8) 0430 GINGERILLO 112 (B) T Mills 3-7-11 T Williams 82

6-1 Doris Doors, 7-1 Kildee Lad, 8-1 Bells Of Longwick, 10-1 Random, 12-1 Laune, Certificate-X, Perfect Brave, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; H Cecil, 11 from 31, 35.5%; J Berry, 7 from 26, 26.9%; H Candy, 9 from 43, 20.9%; P Walwyn, 5 from 25, 20.0%.
JOCKEYS: D Wright, 4 winners from 17 rides, 23.5%; D Harrison, 6 from 38, 15.8%; T Sprake, 10 from 65, 15.4%; A McGlone, 6 from 47, 12.8%; J Reid, 10 from 83, 12.0%; J Williams, 17 from 152, 11.2.

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER
2.20 Kagram Queen. 2.50 Notable Exception. 3.20 Shrewd John. 3.50 Ali's Alibi. 4.20 Anorak. 4.50 Singing Sam.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.20 JOHN WADE HAULAGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE
(£1,590: 2m 1f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 CORONA GOLD 15F Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-9 T Jenks
2 3/ DALESIDE 127F W Bentley 6-11-9 A Thornton
3 /50- KAGRAM QUEEN 17F (F) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-9 G Lee (3)
4 -655 PERSPICACITY 20 (F) Mrs J Mason 7-11-9 A P McCoy
5 F SHARP N' SMOOTH 13 W Kemp 7-11-9 S McDougall (5)
6 EASY FOR ME 22F C Thornton 3-10-7 Mark Roberts (5)
7 45 HADI 13 W Storey 3-10-7 J Supple
8 1F SAKURA 17 (BF,F) M Hammond 3-10-7 D Bentley

2-1 Sakura, 9-4 Sharp N' Smooth, 5-1 Kagram Queen, 6-1 Corona Gold, Perspicacity, 10-1 Daleside, 12-1 others.

2.50 WM McIVOR & SON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,108: 2m 5f 110yd) (5)

1 -1F1 NOTABLE EXCEPTION 13 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-10 G Lee (7)
2 P0-4 NODFORM WONDER 13 (F,G,S) J Hellens 7-11-7 R Dunwoody
3 1-05 BUCKRA MELLISUGA 12 (CD,F,G,S) J Wade 10-11-3 K Jones
4 -212 BAHRAIN QUEEN 13 (D,F,G) C Smith 6-10-5 M Ranger
5 U-00 IMPERIAL BID 17 (G) Denys Smith 6-10-4 P Waggott (5)

6-4 Notable Exception, 11-4 Bahrain Queen, 3-1 Nodform Wonder, 7-1 Imperial Bid, 10-1 Buckra Mellisuga.

3.20 CHILTON CLUB HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,583: 2m 1f) (5)

1 65P- BORO SMACKEROO 160 (F,G,S) J Johnson 9-12-0 N Williamson
2 22-1 CLARES OWN 17 (CD,F,G,S) J Wade 10-11-11 K Jones
3 3F2- TERRIBLE GEL 173 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-4 P Niven
4 3-1U SHREWD JOHN 17 (D,BF,G) R Woodhouse 8-11-1 M Dwyer
5 0-4P MAYOR OF LISCARROL 126 (G,F) M Smith 9-10-0 G Harker

5-4 Terrible Gel, 3-1 Clares Own, 7-2 Shrewd John, 6-1 Boro Smackeroo, 20-1 Mayor Of Liscarrol

3.50 SAM BERRY NOVICES CHASE
(£2,136: 2m 5f) (9)

1 0PU1 THE GREEN FOOL 13 (CD) V Thompson 7-12-0 Mr M Thompson
2 8/0 OLE OLE 13 (F,S) Mrs E Moscrop 8-11-11 T Reed
3 0/0- ABDUL EMIR 162P (G) T Watson 7-11-7 Mr S Swiers
4 320- ALI'S ALIBI 182 (S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-7 P Niven
5 /3P COUP DE CATHERINE 6 W Barker 8-11-7 G Harker
6 P40- DUTCH BLUES 154 (S) Mrs S Austin 7-11-7 D Wilkinson
7 05-3 EDEN STREAM 13 J Johnson 7-11-7 N Williamson
8 503- HICKSONS CHOICE 141 J Wade 6-11-7 K Jones
9 2052 SAYMORE 13 (F,G,S) W Clay 8-11-7 S Wynne (3)

7-4 Ali's Alibi, 7-2 The Green Fool, 4-1 Saymore, 7-1 others.

4.20 QUARRINTON NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,380: 2m 1f 110yd) (14)

1 4-12 ANORAK 17 (CD,F) G Moore 4-11-4 J Callaghan
2 PP- BEN RHYDDING 255 W Kemp 7-10-12 S McDougall (7)
3 U6/ BRAMBLES WAY 496F W Reed 5-10-12 T Reed
4 BYARDS LEAP 1216F N Chamberlain 6-10-12 J Supple (5)
5 4P/ CAPRICORN BLUE 700 M Smith 11-10-12 G Harker
6 RETENDER 32F Mrs J Ramsden 5-10-12 R Garritty
7 0P0- SALINGER 234 J Parkes 6-10-12 Richard Guest
8 0/6 TALENTED TING 10 P Haslam 5-10-12 D Bentley (3)
9 60-6 VAL DE RAMA 19 Denys Smith 5-10-12 P Waggott (5)
10 KINGS MINSTRAL D Lamb 4-10-11 N Smith
11 SIRERIC C Bell 4-10-11 K Johnson
12 WATER SKIER 263F J Johnson 4-10-11 N Williamson
13 324- STOPROVERITATE 13F Mrs M Reveley 5-10-7 P Niven
14 4 WASSL'S NANNY 13 B Ellison 5-10-7 R Dunwoody

9-4 Retender, 7-2 Stoproveritate, 5-1 Anorak, 6-1 Talented Ting, 8-1 others.

4.50 STOKESLEY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,912: 3m 3f 110yd) (5)

1 0P-5 FINNOW QUAY 17 J Johnson 5-11-10 N Williamson
2 5252 OMIDJOY 20 (G) J Jenkins 4-11-2 A P McCoy (5)
3 PF43 SINGING SAM 26 (G) W Cunningham 9-10-11 R Barrett (7)
4 4P4 JULIE WALKER 13 W Kemp 5-10-10 P Niven
5 0-60 HAWAIIAN GODDESS 20 (G) M Wane 7-10-10 J Callaghan

5-4 Finnow Quay, 7-2 Singing Sam, 4-1 Omidjoy, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Haslam, 4 winners from 12 runners, 33.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 60 from 194, 30.9%; C Thornton, 7 from 23, 30.4%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 15 from 52, 28.8%; J Hellens, 13 from 54, 24.1%.
JOCKEYS: G Lee, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; P Niven, 52 from 177, 29.4%; M Dwyer, 27 from 118, 22.9%; J Callaghan, 20 from 103, 19.4%; N Williamson, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER
2.00 Ashdren. 2.30 Diabaig. 3.00 Star Of Zilzal. 3.30 Salanka. 4.00 Elementary. 4.30 Pilsudski. 5.00 Atlaal. 5.30 Mufarej.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 STAR OF ZILZAL.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 STAR OF ZILZAL (nap). 5.00 Atlaal. 5.30 Mufarej.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 WHISSENDINE SELLING HANDICAP (£3,283: 7f 9yd) (20 runners)

101 (15) 436150 ASHDREN 21 (D,G,S) (J Rocker) A Harrison 7-10-0 J Stack (5) 92
102 (3) 015055 CAN CAN CHARLIE 123 (D,G,S) (A Robinson) M Johnston 4-10-0 J Weaver 90
103 (20) 466011 GUESSTIMATION 13 (D,F,G,S) (Cointer Partnership) J Pearce 5-9-13 G Bardwell 97
104 (5) 042300 TEANARCO 31 (D,F,G,S) (B Symonds) R Simpson 6-9-12 B Thomson 92
105 (11) 300000 PRIME MOVER 15 (B,D,G) (P Kneafsey) D Chapman 6-9-11 M Kneafsey (7) 89
106 (12) 033355 FRIENDLY MONET 58 (Goldspace Business Services) C Fairhurst 3-8-9 W Woods 94
107 (16) 000306 DUELLO 13 (G) (J Oliver) M Blanshard 3-9-8 M Roberts 99
108 (17) 3-02030 PUELLA BONA 87 (S Transport Ltd) B Hills 3-9-8 M Hills 90
109 (18) 014020 AYLESFORD 13 (G) (Gallagher Materials) N Callaghan 3-9-5 Pat Eddery 95
110 (4) 100000 ANNIVERSAIRE 8 (V,D,G) (Mrs F Vogt) Bob Jones 4-9-5 M Wigham 93
111 (7) 042200 BALLYHAYS 15 (Mrs T Marian) J A Harris 5-9-5 L Dettori 96
112 (9) 324500 LADY HIGHFIELD 20 (Miss J Nicholls) M Ryan 3-9-4 A Clark 94
113 (14) 002064 LANGUEDOC 18 (C,G,S) (Mrs H Wane) M Wane 7-9-4 L Charnock 94
114 (6) 000056 FOUR OF SPADES 15 (B,G) (S Cassidy) B Beasley 8-9-3 J Tate (3) 93
115 (19) 320400 FABA 28 (G) (L Garacont) C Williams 6-9-3 J Quinn 90
116 (1) 550000 BALATA BAY 31 (R Bernard) R Hannon 3-9-2 R Perham 88
117 (8) 460-550 MISS CHARLIE 24 (A Bennett) A Bailey 4-9-2 J Fortune 91
118 (2) 640060 EUROCHEM LAD 13 (K Higson) G L Moore 3-9-2 A Morris 82
119 (10) 0-00000 HILL FARM KATIE 21 (G) (S George) W Brisbourne 3-9-2 A Garth (5) –
120 (13) 46-0008 GOODY FOUR SHOES 13 (F,S) (S Barrett) A Newcombe 6-9-1 D Griffiths (5) –

BETTING: 5-1 Guesstimation, 6-1 Aylesford, 10-1 Balata Bay, Teanarco, Puella Bona, 12-1 Can Can Charlie, 14-1 others.

1993: MEETING ABANDONED — COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM FOCUS

ASHDREN about 4l 5th of 24 to Ballenna Bay in York handicap (7f, good) on penultimate start. CAN CAN CHARLIE 6l 5th of 14 to Thatched in Edinburgh handicap (1m, good to firm). GUESSTIMATION beat Our Bessie neck in Folkestone claimer (1m 1f 149yd, good to soft) with AYLESFORD 8¾l 10th. DUELLO 10l 6th of 19 to Jasdan in Salisbury handicap (7f, good). Previously 13l 8th of 21 to First Gold in Nottingham rated stakes (6f, soft) with ASHDREN 7l 12th. FOUR OF SPADES 6¾l 6th of 12 to Prince Belfort in Hamilton apprentice jockeys' handicap (6f, good). BALATA BAY 10l 9th of 19 to Mister Boy in Chepstow apprentice jockeys' handicap (6f, good to soft) with TEANARCO (4lb worse off) 18l 18th.
Selection: GUESSTIMATION

2.30 WREAKE FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,219: 1m 8yd) (6 runners)

201 (5) 4-13416 SO SEDULOUS 16 (D,F,G) (Mrs N Bocher) G Wragg 9-3 Paul Eddery 99
202 (4) 416200 DIABAIG 38 (D,F) (M Sinclair) M Jarvis 8-11 P Robinson 83
203 (3) 660220 SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO 41 (B,BF,G) (F Kelly) P Kelleway 8-11 J Weaver 89
204 (2) U03420 MISS MAH-JONG 8 (F,S) (Ms M Horan) J White 8-10 P McCormick (7) 77
205 (1) KATSURA (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-7 L Dettori –
206 (6) 003100 NUIN-TARA 19J (CD,G) (G Amey) Mrs A Knight 8-7 R Price 67

BETTING: 5-4 So Sedulous, 3-1 Katsura, 7-2 Diabaig, 7-1 Sunday News'N'Echo, 8-1 Miss Mah-Jong, 16-1 Nuin-Tara.

FORM FOCUS

SO SEDULOUS beat Atanas 2½l in 6-runner conditions race at Doncaster (1m, good) on penultimate start. DIABAIG best recent effort when ¾l 2nd of 9 to Marsha in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to firm).
SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO 9l 2nd of 12 to Nicastap in claimer at Sandown (1m 1f, good) on penultimate start. MISS MAH-JONG 8½l 8th of 18 to Nakita in apprentice jockeys' claimer at Warwick (6f, soft). KATSURA half-sister by Danehill to three winners including 1m 6f scorer Monsieur Dupont and 1m-1m 2f winner Lady Philippa; dam won over 1m 4f and 1m 5f. NUIN-TARA 15l 7th of 8 to Self Expression in rated stakes at Carlisle (1m, good to firm).
Selection: SO SEDULOUS

3.00 EBF REFERENCE POINT MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,892: 7f 9yd (16 runners)

301 (14) 0 AJWAD 12 (B,BF) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 R Hills –
302 (1) AKIL (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11 R Price –
303 (10) 06 BARNABY WILLOW 26 (P Axon) M Ryan 8-11 T Ives –
304 (11) 4 BOB'S PLOY 13 (K Reddington) R Akehurst 8-11 G Carter 91
305 (2) BUSHEHR (N Browne) J Hills 8-11 M Hills –
306 (15) 50 CRESTED KNIGHT 59 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 8-11 W Woods 84
307 (12) DOOEMELODY (T Johnsey) R Hannon 8-11 R Perham –
308 (9) 0 EASY JET 13 (Crown Partnership) F Murphy 8-11 R Cochrane 85
309 (5) 0 ELPIDA 13 (Hesmonds Stud) J Gosden 8-11 L Dettori 76
310 (6) 500 HOWQUA RIVER 13 (Mrs J Chapple-Hyam) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 R Havlin (7) 70
311 (4) JAM N SHADEED (T Liang) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn –
312 (3) MR DARCY (Mrs S Lalon) C Cyzer 8-11 A Clark –
313 (7) 0 MUTAZZ 27 (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-11 W Carson 79
314 (13) 3 STAR OF ZILZAL 12 (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 Pat Eddery 99
315 (8) TOAT CHIEFTAIN (M Pinto) M McCormack 8-11 S Whitworth –
316 (16) 00 WET PATCH 27 (P Hemmond) R Hannon 8-11 M Roberts 85

BETTING: 10-11 Star Of Zilzal, 5-1 Elpida, 7-1 Bob's Ploy, 8-1 Jam N Shadeed, 12-1 Mutazz, 14-1 Easy Jet, Howqua River, 16-1 Wet Patch, Crested Knight, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

AJWAD 10l 9th of 12 to Haddeyah in maiden at Lingfield (6f, good to soft). BOB'S PLOY 3l 4th of of 12 to Judgement Day in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good) with ELPIDA 6½l 7th. CRESTED KNIGHT 9½l 7th of 23 to Vanishing Day in maiden at Newbury (7f, good). EASY JET 5l 7th of 13 to Te Amo in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good). MUTAZZ 10l 7th of 13 to Wigra in maiden at Sandown (7f, good to soft) with WET PATCH 4l 9th. STAR OF ZILZAL neck and ½l 3rd of 15 to Smart Alec in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm).
Selection: STAR OF ZILZAL

3.30 STEWARDS HANDICAP
(£3,756: 1m 1f 218yd) (19 runners)

401 (2) 05220-5 RAFTERS 7 (M Carver) J Bradley 5-10-0 D Griffiths (5) 88
402 (16) 30450-6 LANKRIDGE 7 (Mrs H Dalgety) W Ham 4-9-13 W Carson 85
403 (13) 312200 NORTH ESK 8 (F,G) (Rochford Racing) J Pearce 5-9-9 G Bardwell 90
404 (7) 456146 SON OF SHARP SHOT 13 (D,F,G) (Windflower Holdings) J Dunlop 4-9-7 Pat Eddery 92
405 (11) 320420 BEVERLY KNIGHT 150 (D,G) (Miss K Grocott) C Horgan 4-9-6 L Dettori 90
406 (15) 042085 MANHATTAN SUNSET 11 (B,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-6 R Havlin (7) 92
407 (10) 212413 BESCABY BOY 83 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Moore) J Wharton 8-9-5 M Birch 89
408 (17) 021000 SUPERTOP 77 (CD,F,G) (Mrs G Godfrey) P Harris 6-9-4 R Cochrane 93
409 (5) 030 KISS KINCSEM 18 (J Mullins) P Makin 3-9-4 R Perham –
410 (14) 334200 SHOOFK 21 (S) (S Devine) S Dow 3-9-4 T Quinn 97
411 (12) 432060 HOOCHIECOOCHIE MAN 25 (D,G) (C Wright) D Arbuthnot 4-9-2 J Weaver 95
412 (18) 0560 ACCESS CARNIVAL 122 (Miss E Williams) R Boss 3-9-2 W Ryan 85
413 (19) 150300 ARABOYBILL 10 (F) (N Gay & B Barry) R Simpson 3-9-1 B Thomson 93
414 (4) 213406 SALANKA 11 (D,F) (Mrs L Simpson) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-1 M Hills 89
415 (9) 052245 ROSEBERRY TOPPING 26 (R Norton) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-0 J Fortune 88
416 (6) 606071 STEVIE'S WONDER 17 (D,G,S) (T Mills) T Mills 4-8-13 Paul Eddery 98
417 (8) 454500 MEELAAD 59 (A Macas) C Brittain 3-8-13 M Roberts 96
418 (3) 03600 MISS THE POST 17 (T Holland-Martin) J Fanshawe 3-8-12 W Woods 87-
419 (17) 4-40053 SPRING SIXPENCE 13 (F) (Crt Racing Ltd) J Fanshawe 4-8-12 G Carter 94

BETTING: 6-1 Bescaby Boy, 7-1 Son Of Sharp Shot, 8-1 Manhattan Sunset, 10-1 Spring Sixpence, Stevie's Wonder, 12-1 Beverly Knight, Hoochiecoochie Man, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

RAFTERS about 8l 5th of 15 to Khattat in rated stakes at Warwick (1m, soft) with LANKRIDGE (1lb better off) 23l 12th. SON OF SHARP SHOT about 2¾l 6th of 18 to Mapengo in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good). MANHATTAN SUNSET 8½l 5th of 9 to Acting Brave in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). BESCABY BOY neck and 2l 3rd of 7 to Bold Amusement in handicap at Doncaster (1m 2l 60yd, good to firm). SALANKA 9l last of 6 to Luhuk in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). STEVIE'S WONDER beat Broughton's Pride short-head in 15-runner selling handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: SON OF SHARP SHOT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Cecil	6	17	35.3	J Weaver	10	51	19.6
H Thomson Jones	5	18	27.8	Pat Eddery	23	119	19.3
J Gosden	20	77	26.0	W Carson	25	131	19.1
H Cecil	22	89	24.7	L Piggott	8	42	19.0
M Stoute	16	70	22.9	L Dettori	27	162	16.7
G Wragg	9	46	19.6	T Quinn	21	136	15.4

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CHEPSTOW: 3.40 Cyclone. 4.10 Evening Falls. 5.10 Eluned May. LEICESTER: 2.00 Anniversaire, Duello. 3.00 Ajwad. 4.30 President Of Zuri.

4.00 PADDOCK CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,322: 1m 3f 183yd) (22 runners)

501 (22) 312310 ELEMENTARY 12 (D,F,G) (P Green) N Walker 11-8-12 D R McCabe (5) 98
502 (10) 503225 WOODMANS STAR 52 (Mrs E Sheehan) J Sheehan 4-9-9 N Varley (5) 64
503 (6) 200343 SCORCHED AIR 12 (D,F) (M Wauchope) J Hills 4-9-7 M Henry (7) 91
504 (11) 521233 GOLD SURPRISE 10 (D,F,G,S) (J Calvert) S Kettlewell 5-9-6 J Fortune 83
505 (13) 00-1150 PHARAMINEUX 38 (D,F,G) (K Snellings) R Akehurst 8-9-6 Pat Eddery 99
506 (2) 005400 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 25J (D,G) (J Aston Evans) K Wingrove 7-9-3 D Biggs 72
507 (4) /02/23- BEEKMAN STREET 411 (F) (Mrs M Wardle) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-0 R Price 70
508 (12) 4U5650 VENTURE FOURTH 48 (V Minnis) E Alston 5-9-0 S Knott (7) 56
509 (9) 50 JOHN TUFTY 12 (G Tufts) J Pearce 3-8-12 G Bardwell –
510 (8) 085/03 GIVE IN 13 (C,G,S) (Miss L Dobson) Miss G Kelleway 7-8-11 Stephen Davies (3) 84
511 (17) 013330 KISMETIM 10 (D,G) (R Marlowe) B Meehan 4-8-11 J Weaver 87
512 (1) 015000 RAVENSPUR 13J (D,G) (J Myers) J Parkes 4-8-11 J Tate (3) 81
513 (14) 00-0000 DESERT PRESIDENT 21 (Trent Park Golf Club) R Hoad 3-8-9 L Dettori 72
514 (21) 600 ECHENTONE 13 (J Bembridge) A Hide 3-8-9 M Tebbutt 91
515 (15) 000 AUTUMN FLING 15 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-7 A Clark –
516 (18) 536260 ANN HILL 22 (D,F,G) (R Hulfinshead) R Hollinshead 4-8-6 D Denby (7) 89
517 (3) 400603 EXPLOSIVE POWER 15 (S Woods) S Woods 3-8-6 W Woods 89
518 (20) 510350 HATAAL 7 (D,B,F) (D & C Clapham) J Spearing 5-8-6 Paul Eddery 85
519 (7) 00-030 MUSIC BLITZ 86 (N Yong) J Etherington 3-8-6 T Ives 71
520 (19) 0 POPCORN 15 (E Reitel) P Makin 4-8-6 R Perham 86
521 (16) 500230 LOVE OF THE NORTH 15 (G) (R Juckes) R Juckes 3-8-3 A Garth (5) 81
522 (5) 305010 MARBLE 6 (G) (G Thomson) E Alston 3-8-1 A Mackay 96

BETTING: 4-1 Scorched Air, 7-1 Elementary, 8-1 Give In, 10-1 Pharamineux, 12-1 Gold Surprise, Ann Hill, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ELEMENTARY beat Donny Three 2½l in 9-runner claimer at Chepstow (1m 4f, good) with KISMETIM (1lb better off) 12l 3rd. WOODMANS STAR 6½l 5th of 10 to Special Risk in handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good).
SCORCHED AIR 2l 3rd of 11 to Microlite in claimer at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) with ELEMENTARY (1lb better off) 2l 7th and JOHN TUFTY (4lb better off) 10l 11th. PHARAMINEUX best recent effort beating Lookingforarainbow ¾l in 7-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). GIVE IN neck and ½l 3rd of 14 to Guesstimation in claimer at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to soft).
DESERT PRESIDENT never closer than 10l 9th of 17 to Rithina in seller at Kempton (1m 1f, soft). EXPLOSIVE POWER staying on 6l and neck 3rd of 13 to Greek Gold in apprentice jockeys' seller at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f) with AUTUMN FLING (1lb worse off) 23l 9th and LOVE OF NORTH (6lb better off) 23l 11th.
Selection: PHARAMINEUX

4.30 EBF SOAR MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,390: 1m 8yd) (20 runners)

601 (6) 0 ALOUAMAR 38 (Abdulla Saeed Thani) B Hanbury 9-0 T Ives –
602 (13) ARCTIC CHARMER (S Khaled) J Dunlop 9-0 G Carter –
603 (12) 0 INQUISITOR 14 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0 Pat Eddery –
604 (4) IRIE MON (J Hawkes) J Hills 9-0 M Hills –
605 (3) KELKESKA (P Kirk) W Brisbourne 9-0 DOUBTFUL –
606 (14) 0 KREEF 67 (Shaikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts –
607 (20) 054 LORD JIM 15 (Mrs S Thomas) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 R Havlin (7) 69
608 (15) 6 MEDAILLE MILITAIRE 13 (J Hartnett) J Dunlop 9-0 S Whitworth 83
609 (16) 0 MON DIEU 25 (Shaikh Mohammed) I Balding 9-0 L Dettori –
610 (11) 0 MR MACTAVISH 22 (Mrs D MacRae) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 Paul Eddery –
611 (19) 6 PILSUDSKI 14 (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 9-0 R Cochrane 99
612 (9) 5 PRESIDENT OF ZURI 91 (B) (L Mayer) K McAuliffe 9-0 J Tate (3) 77
613 (2) 02 SHAHID 35 (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 95
614 (18) SMILING THRU (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan –
615 (17) 5 STAR OF PERSIA 36 (The Saturday Club) P Harris 9-0 G Hind –
616 (5) 6 WHAT'S THE VERDICT 13 (R Huggins) M Johnston 9-0 J Weaver 90
617 (7) 504600 BRAZEN PRINCESS 6 (N Bryce-Smith) J Bridger 8-9 J Fortune 80
618 (1) 0 CLAUDIA HABIBI 13 (R Benenson) C C Elsey 8-9 R Hills 71
619 (10) 0 GULF BAY 12 (B Warren) M Bell 8-9 M Fenton –
620 (8) 44 MISTINGUETT 40 (B Nelson) R Hannon 8-9 T Quinn 87

BETTING: 3-1 Smiling Thru, 4-1 Shahid, 6-1 Pilsudski, Mistinguett, 16-1 Claudia Habibi, Inquisitor, Medaille Militaire, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

IRIE MON (foaled April 15, cost 11,500gns). Half-brother by Waajib to Bolshoi Prince, 7f juvenile winner and Masal, 2m winner in Ireland; dam unplaced. LORD JIM 4l 5th of 15 to Ela-Aristokrati in maiden at Chepstow (1m, good) on penultimate start.
PILSUDSKI about 5½l 6th of 19 to Court Of Honour in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good) with INQUISITOR 7½l 10th. PRESIDENT OF ZURI about 6½l 5th of 7 to Cyrus The Great in maiden auction at Folkestone (7f, good to firm). SHAHID short-head 2nd of 16 to Mandarina in maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm).
SMILING THRU (Feb 9). Brother by Reference Point to fair-staying handicapper Receptionist and half-brother to 1m 2f winners Highly Praised and Evert; dam very useful 7f/1m winner. WHAT'S THE VERDICT about 2¾l 6th of 8 to Crumpton Hill in maiden at Newcastle (1m, good). MISTINGUETT about 2½l 4th of 15 to Lita in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good).
Selection: SHAHID

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

5.00 WYMESWOLD CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,701: 7f 9yd) (6 runners)

1 (2) 3120 JUMILLA 66 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-11 M Hills 90
2 (1) 522231 KARAYIB 14 (D,G) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 W Carson 89
3 (6) 3 ATLAAL 13 (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-10 R Hills 85
4 (3) 40 SPANISH DUTY 54 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-10 R Havlin (7) 88
5 (5) 21 SHAMROCK FAIR 42 (D,F) (Sir Gordon Brunton) Lord Huntingdon 8-6 L Dettori 99
6 (4) 1 PETOMI 13 (D,S) (A T Mutes) M Prescott 8-5 W Woods 85

BETTING: 7-4 Shamrock Fair, 5-2 Karayib, 4-1 Jumilla, 7-1 Spanish Duty, 8-1 Atlaal, 10-1 Petomi.

FORM FOCUS

JUMILLA neck 2nd of 5 to Flight Soundly in conditions race at Thirsk (6f, firm) on penultimate start. KARAYIB beat Shen Yang neck in 6-runner conditions race at Brighton (7f, good). ATLAAL head and 1l 3rd of 13 to Te Amo in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good). SPANISH DUTY about 3l 4th of 13 to Muktabas in maiden at Goodwood (6f, firm) on penultimate start. SHAMROCK FAIR beat Sarasi 3½l in maiden auction at Epsom (7f, good to firm). PETOMI beat Total Rach neck in 12-runner maiden auction at Folkestone (7f, good to soft).
Selection: SHAMROCK FAIR

5.30 EBF REFERENCE POINT MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,892: 7f 9yd) (16 runners)

1 (5) 030 BELFRY 22 (BF) (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing) R Charlton 8-11 J Weaver 94
2 (7) 00 BENARTY HILL 90 (L Devine) R Ingram 8-11 Dale Gibson –
3 (10) 00 CHICODARI 14 (Hesmonds Stud) M Prescott 8-11 C Nutter 75
4 (4) 00 FLYAWAY BLUES 13 (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 8-11 J Fortune 78
5 (15) 0 KHATIM 22 (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 R Hills 63
6 (16) LEADING SPIRIT (Induna Racing Partners Two) C Wall 8-11 W Woods –
7 (12) 405004 MAGICAL BID 7 (G Fry) J Bradley 8-11 D Griffiths (5) 72
8 (13) 2 MUFAREJ 22 (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11 W Carson 99
9 (8) 0 PERSIAN CONQUEST 27 (R Khan) M Stoute 8-11 W Ryan –
10 (6) SHARE THE SECRET (Diomed Racing) B Hanbury 8-11 T Ives –
11 (1) 0 SLAPY DAM 13 (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 8-11 T Quinn –
12 (8) STONE RIDGE (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 8-11 M Roberts –
13 (14) TO THE ROOF (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-11 G Hind –
14 (3) TRAGIC HERO (Cornhill Stud Partnership) J Hills 8-11 M Hills –
15 (11) 0 WELLSIAN 12 (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-11 L Dettori 76
16 (2) 5 YAVERLAND 26 (Mrs B Blackwell) B McMath 8-11 C Dwyer 68

BETTING: 5-2 Mufarej, 3-1 Belfry, 6-1 Slapy Dam, 7-1 Persian Conquest, 10-1 Stone Ridge, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BELFRY 1¾l 3rd of 19 to Ela-Aristokrati in maiden at Chepstow (1m, good) penultimate start. FLYAWAY BLUES 8¾l 7th of 8 to Crumpton Hill in Newcastle maiden (1m, good). MAGICAL BID 13l 4th of 16 to Bishop Of Cashel in Warwick maiden (7f, soft). MUFAREJ 3l 2nd of 13 to Fleminsfirth in Nottingham maiden (1m, good to soft) with BELFRY 7¾l 8th. STONE RIDGE (April 13). First foal by Indian Ridge dam middle-distance maiden.
Selection: MUFAREJ

Trainer's first

NEWMARKET-based Alex Embiricos, whose father, Nick, won the Grand National in 1981 with Aldaniti, sent out her first winner as a trainer when Falconbridge Bay won the Downlands Beefeater Novices' Chase from Duke Of Aprolon at Fontwell Park yesterday.

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Americans falling prey to rapidly maturing talent of 'Tiger' Woods

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Woods is the best young black golfer the United States has produced: his broad young shoulders are so far bearing up well to the inevitable pressure

Prodigy now prowling riskier fairways



John Hopkins on the hopes and expectations surrounding an emerging black American golfer

No tiger could have burned brighter than Eldrick "Tiger" Woods *in Paris last week.* From tee-off to teatime. Tiger would have eclipsed even the Sun King at Versailles, where, on Sunday morning, he had his photograph taken *in front* of the chateau by *Sports Illustrated* magazine, and *where, on Sunday afternoon,* he anchored the United States to an 11-stroke victory in golf's world amateur team championship.

*There have been better golf*ers than Woods at 18, though not many. And there have been blacks who have played golf, though very, very few. Woods, the son of an American soldier who was a Green Beret in Vietnam, and a Thai *mother, is inarguably the best* young black golfer to have emerged in the United States. He could not have arrived at a more auspicious time for a game that *is trying to shed its* whites-only, country club image. "Tiger is the right kid in *the right sport at the right* time," an American golf official said.

Two months short of his nineteenth birthday, Woods *faces twin imposters, a Kip*ling reference that is as unavoidable as the Blake line *about his nickname.* He has to cope with the pressures attendant on the first man to win the US junior Amateur and US Amateur titles, and with *the nagging suspicion that* some of the publicity is due to the colour of his skin.

Tiger, so nicknamed by his father after a colleague in Vietnam, could have chosen to take up a golf scholarship at any university in the United States. *Instead, he selected the* academically rigorous Stanford, one of the best in the country, in his home state of California. There will be no easy ride for him because he is *a top sportsman. Woods has* not yet settled on his degree course. Meanwhile, he is reading calculus, studying Portuguese cultural perspective, and doing his best to read the 18 books he has been set for the academic year.

So the pressure is on him, off the course and on it. The only black student, he was tied to a tree and taunted by fellow pupils on his first day at school. Later, he encountered racism when he played in junior tournaments. Earl *Woods taught Tiger how to* cope by using psychological techniques he had learned in the US Army.

The message seems to have got through. "My strengths *are my mind, my short game* and my ability to scramble," Tiger said. "My father had a strong mind. He gave it to me. I was not born with it." He has learned how to turn racism to his advantage. "It makes me want to play even better," he said.

No golfer has received so much publicity at such an age. It is as if Woods is the man American golf has been waiting for. When he won the US Amateur in August, *The New York Times* ran a story about *him on its front page, only the* second time that golf has been so prominently displayed this decade.

The signs are that Woods is coping with *all the pressures* as well as he is playing golf. On Sunday afternoon, he *knew it might all come down* to him, the last of the four Americans on the course, and he played a solid round of 16 pars.

The one bogey he had was followed immediately by a birdie. Woods seemed immune to the pressure which affected the four Great Britain and Ireland players, for example, all *of whom found water on one* of the four closing holes. "Tell Tiger it's all set up for him," John Harris, a team-mate, said to Grant Spaeth, the American captain, on the 15th, which was to prove the breaking point for the Scotsman, *Gordon Sherry, and Warren* Bennett, of England. "The goal is a four." Nobody needed to tell Tiger what the goal was. He got his four.

"Tiger may be 18, but he has the maturity of someone in their late 20s or 30s," Allen Doyle, 46, *another team-mate,* said before comparing Woods with Phil Mickelson, 24, the previous outstanding American amateur. "Phil had more *finesse. Tiger has more* power. Phil had the edge as far as his short game, but Tiger has the edge in terms of accuracy off the tee. Tiger can focus better for 18 holes than Phil."

Woods is a phenomenon in a country full of phenomena: *articulate, gifted and politically* correct. The world of golf is at his feet. He carries a tremendous weight of expectation. "This young man is one of the best players to come out of this country in a long time," Butch Harmon, who *has coached Woods as well as* Greg Norman, said. "That is the good news. The bad news is that he has to live up to it now."

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Hendry remains in happy frame of mind after switch

BY PHIL YATES

WHEN Stephen Hendry heard earlier this year that the *Skoda Grand Prix was mov*ing from the Hexagon Theatre in Reading to the Assembly Rooms in Derby, he was entitled to breathe a sigh of relief. *The Berkshire venue* was where he won his first world ranking snooker event, when he captured the grand prix in 1987, and he also won *the tournament in 1990.*

However, there have been serious problems for the Scot on three of his last four visits. Having to pay a £10,000 reward for information leading to the return of his stolen cue four years ago initiated a trend which continued when a death threat contributed to a surprise first-round defeat by Tony Chappel in 1992. Twelve months ago, a chest infection and heavy cold were the handicaps as Hendry lost 5-4 *to Peter Ebdon, the eventual* winner, in the last 32.

Hendry feels more at ease at the Assembly Rooms, the new home for the first of the nine world ranking events this season, which carries a total prize-fund of £325,000 and which got under way yesterday. The world champion, *who regained his No 1 po*sition in the provisional standings from Steve Davis by reaching the semi-finals of the Dubai Classic last week, won *the British Open at Derby in* 1988 and 1991.

"It's been a good venue for me and, more importantly, I'm going there feeling happy about my game," Hendry, who has made a solid start to the season by winning the Top *Rank classic in Thailand and* being runner-up in the Regal Scottish Masters last month, said.

Hendry, predictably the favourite to collect the £60,000 first prize, meets his compatriot, Chris Small, in the last 64 *tonight, while Alan McMan*us, who beat Hendry in the semi-finals on the way to winning the Dubai Classic, meets Nigel Gilbert, of Bedford. By finally prevailing in a ranking event after defeats in three finals and numerous *semi-finals, McManus will* not be lacking in confidence. The same applies to Ebdon, who lost 9-6 to McManus in the final in Dubai.

Ebdon opens his defence against Stephen O'Connor, of Dublin. Davis faces Terry *Murphy, a West Midlands*-based Irishman, and Paul McPhillips, of Glasgow, provides the first-round opposition for Jimmy White, the winner in *1986 and 1992.*

Joe Johnson, the 1986 world champion, yesterday produced one of his most encouraging performances since the *slump that has seen him fall to* 37th in the rankings took hold. Johnson beat Mark Bennett 5-0 to reach the last 32.

Johnson, who produced *breaks of 104 and 55, believes*



Hendry: relaxed

that employing Alan Bell, Jimmy White's former coach, *has made an enormous differ*ence. "Everyone knows he did a great job for Jimmy and he's doing the same thing for me," Johnson, who recorded only one victory in 12 attempts last season, said. "He's made me think positively again."

Wayne Brown, of Liverpool, endorsed his credentials as a candidate for the title of leading rookie professional by completing a 5-2 win over Dene O'Kane, of New Zealand, with a 131 total clearance.

RESULTS: *First round* (England unless stated): R Lawler bt B Morgan 5-3; J Ferguson bt S Ali 5-3; I Brumby bt M Price 5-4; A Robidoux (Can) bt D Clarke 5-2; J Johnson bt M Bennett (Wales) 5-0; W Brown bt D O'Kane (NZ) 5-2.

Flower power blooms anew

Music from the Magic Garden. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

When I tell you that David Copperfield presents this programme, you will naturally assume that it is the master illusionist of that *name,* especially as there is a "magic" in the title. Nothing of the sort. This Copperfield is a comedian. And the magic? A conjunction of organic gardens and some "feel good" folk — the Findhorn community — *on a* stretch of sand dunes in northern Scotland. Findhorn is where people of all ages come in search of love and peace. This benign engine runs on a Nineties refinement of Sixties flower power. It also has music with lyrics which include such sentiments as "Give me rainbows in the sun; give me peace when day is done". Very morale-boosting.

Deutsche Romantik. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

What the Radio 3 publicity for this series dubs a "romantic autumn" is accurate, provided Romantic is spelt with a capital R. Otherwise, this could be just another of those CD collections advertised as "Music for Lovers", or "Music to Dream By". It is the German Romantic movement that is being celebrated in this five-week season. To date, the spoken word content in the programmes has been *uncompromisingly intellectual, and they are none the worse for that.* Tonight's live concert marks the 35th anniversary of the Academy of *St Martin-in-the-Fields. We hear Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto* (soloist Christian Tetzlaff), Schumann's *Symphony No 4,* and the premiere of *Sally Beamish's Walking Back.* Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 3.45 Superman 4.00 Nicky Campbell, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq 9.00 The Story of Pop The Graduates. Profiles of Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson, Diana Ross, Lionel Richie and Marvin Gaye 10.00 Greg Proops 12.00-4.00am Mark Tonderai

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 3.00am Alex Lester 6.00 Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Steve Jones 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 England, Their England (4/6) 7.30 Hayes Over Britain: Call 071-208 0222 9.00 Music from the Magic Garden. See Choice 10.00 Calypso Chronicles 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, including at 10.35 Europe News; 11.15 Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Puscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full and classified racing results 7.35 The Tuesday Match. A preview of tomorrow's international action involving all four home countries, and news from the under-21 international between Austria and England 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.00-5.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST 5.30am BBC English 5.45 Frühmagazin 6.00 Newshour 7.00 Morgenmagazin 7.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 World Today 7.30 Rock Salad 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf: *Portrait of Turkey* 8.30 New Ideas 8.50 Souvenirs 9.00 News 9.10 Faith 9.15 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Sharp Talents 10.30 On Screen 10.45 Sport 11.00 News 11.01 Discovery 11.30 Cole Porter 11.45 Mittagsmagazin. Noon Newsdesk 12.30pm BBC English 12.45 Mittagsmagazin 1.00 News 1.10 Faith 1.15 Hit List 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: *Portrait of Turkey* 3.45 Composers' Journeys 4.00 News 4.15 Jolly Good Show 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Haute Actuel 6.00 News 6.05 Business 6.15 BBC English 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Haute Actuel 8.00 Kaleidoskop 9.00 News 9.10 Faith 9.15 World Today 9.30 Europe Today 10.00 News 11.05 Business 11.15 Megamix 11.45 Sport Midnight Newsdesk 12.30am Omnibus 1.00 News 1.15 Concert Hall 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Poems 2.45 Country Style 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Andy Kershaw 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Discovery 5.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Brahms (Violin Concerto in D Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.05 The Opera Guide 8.00 The Classic FM/Kenco Music Festival 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyle

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 **On Air**, with Andrew McGregor. Vivaldi (Sonata in D minor, La Follia); Costes (London Suite); Mendelssohn (Intermezzo; Nocturne, A Midsummer Night's Dream); John Adams (A Short Ride in a Fast Machine); Gibbons (O clap your hands); Beethoven (Symphony No 1 in C)
9.00 **Composer of the Week**: Brahms (Violin Sonata in D minor, Op 108; Gesang aus Fingal, Op 17 No 4; Horn Trio in E flat, Op 40)
10.05 **Musical Encounters**. Verdi (*Lombardi*, excerpts); Schumann (Violin Concerto in D minor); 11.00 *Artist of the Week*: Philip Langridge, tenor. Shostakovich (Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk, excerpts) 11.15 Saint-Saëns (Symphony No 2 in A minor)
12.00 **Music Restored**: London Baroque performs music by Alessandro Stradella (r)
1.00pm **The BBC Orchestras**: Jerzy Maksymiuk conducts the BBC Scottish SO in Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor; Tasmin Little); Sibelius (Symphony No 5 in D minor) (r)
2.00 **Schools**: Playtime 2.15 Time to Move 2.35 (Listen)
3.00 **The BBC Orchestras**: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Rupert Bawden, with the BBC Singers, and Susan Knight, viola, performs Bartók (Hungarian Folksongs); Bawden (Days of the Hawk); Berio (Chemins 3); Bawden (Two Choruses); Bartók (Dance Suite)
4.30 **Music for Guitar**, played by David Russell. Asencio (Collectici Intim); Barrios Mangore (La Catedral; Una Limosna por el Amor de dios, Waltz in G) (r)
5.00 **The Music Machine: Superlunes**. Thrash metal
5.15 **In Tune** Nicola Heywood-Thomas. Mendelssohn (Overture: Marriage of Camacho); Elgar (Serenade for Strings); J.S. Bach (Sanctus, Mass in B minor)
7.30 **Deutsche Romantik: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields' 35th Anniversary Concert**, live from the Festival Hall, London. See Choice 8.15 Denis McCaldin looks back over the Academy's first 35 years, in conversation with Sir Neville Marriner, Monya Winzer Gilbert and Erik Smith. 8.35 Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor)
9.30 **Deutsche Romantik: The Creation of New Ideals**. Roger Cardinal discusses the nocturnal impulse (2/10)
9.40 **Between the Ears**: Mark Russell goes to the frozen north of Sweden where the Sami people live
10.45 **Night Waves in Cheltenham**: Tony Palmer joins the party at the Cheltenham Festival of Literature, with Czech novelist and jazz enthusiast Josef Skvorecky
11.30-12.30am **The BBC Orchestras**: BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier. Tasmin Little, violin, performs Elgar (Elegy; Violin Concerto in B minor)
1.00-2.00 **Night School**: Radio Numberstime 1.20 History 9-11

RADIO 4

5.55am *Shipping Forecast* 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 *Prayer for the Day* 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Alan Bennett's Diaries 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News** 9.05 **Call Nick Ross**: 071-580 4444
10.00-10.30 **News; Evelyn Glennie's Edinburgh** (FM only): The percussionist swaps notes with a reflexologist on why she hears her music through her feet
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **Paradise Lost** (LW only): John Milton's epic poem about the Fall of Man (27/41)
10.30 **Woman's Hour**: Jenni Murray talks to the actress Jill Gascoigne. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 **All in the Mind**: Professor Anthony Clare looks into the minds of writers
12.00 **News; You and Yours**
12.25pm **Word of Mouth**: Frank Delaney presents the programme about language 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Let Me Help**, by Tony Mulholland. With Lucy Tregear and Crawford Logan (r)
2.30 **Richard Baker Compares Notes**: Richard Baker talks to the composer and pianist Peter Dickinson, and to his sister Meriel, a mezzo-soprano, about their long musical partnership
3.00 **News; Anderson Country**: 071-765 5540
4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope**: Paul Vaughan's studio guest is Alan Bennett
4.45 **Short Story: Parallel Lines**, by Daphne Glazer
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **A Perfect Spy**: John le Carré's story. With James Fox, James Grout and Brenda Bruce (3/8) (r)
7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers**
7.20 **File on 4**, with Stuart Simon
8.00 **Science Now**: With Peter Evans (r)
8.30 **In Living Colour**: Issues affecting black and Asian people living in Britain
9.00 **In Touch**: For people with a visual handicap
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Booker at Bedtime**: Extracts from the winning novel of the 1994 Booker Prize for Fiction, which will be awarded at the Guildhall this evening
11.00 **Meditumwave**: The week's events in the media (r)
11.30 **The Tatum Touch** (FM only): Alun Morgan concentrates on the project set up by Norman Granz to record Art Tatum in small groups with outstanding jazz figures (5/6) (r)
11.30 **Travels with a Tape Recorder** (LW only): New Zealand writer James McNeish recalls his travels around the world in the early 1960s
11.45 **Today in Parliament** (LW only)
12.00-12.43am **News**, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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Cracker-pulling produces a nasty surprise

"Fitz, it pains me to tell you this but the boss badly needs your help. It's this new series of **Cracker** (ITV). I know it's early days, but we think it could be the work of a schizophrenic."

"Oh, I love it when you talk dirty, Panhandle. Fill me in, but make it quick — I'm busy, busy, busy. Bets to place, wives to abuse, one-liners to rehearse, but I can always find time for you, you adorable bit of romantic sub-plot. And as we're chatting, mine's a large Scotch and dry. Yes, a pint would do nicely."

"Thanks, Fitz. I knew we could depend on you. It's like this — there's this man: a big man; a very, very big man . . ."

"Careful, Doorhandle: You're beginning to sound like an AA ad — and I don't mean my friends with the pink elephants. Now tell me about this big man. What does he do?"

"Well that's just it. He's wonderful. True he's a compulsive gambler, drinks and smokes far too much and is pretty horrid to his wife and family, but somehow you forgive him all that. You see Fitz, he's hilariously funny, cracks everyone up with what he calls his gay repartee. Oh, and did I mention he has the most extraordinary insight into the criminal mind — it's almost like he'd read the script."

"Sounds like my kinda guy, Manhandle. So where, my little flame-haired temptress, is the problem?"

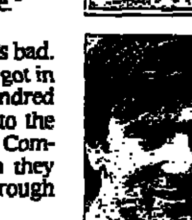
"Well, you see Fitz. In between all the funny scenes with this big chap, there are the most sickening displays of violence. Last night, for instance, this demented skinhead marched into this corner shop, repeatedly called the owner a 'thieving Paki bastard' and then stabbed him to death with his dad's old army bayonet — all for the sake of 4p. Then a bit later on he sliced up this university professor. Honestly, it was horrible."

"Ugh."

"Yes, and if you think that's bad. You should see what they've got in store for next week. A hundred pays thirty, it's straight off to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission. And did I mention they bring in the Hillsborough disaster?"

"No, but all the advance publicity did. Sounds like a fictional cop series losing its grip on unreality. You're right, Broomhandle, this is serious. Now, what odds were you giving on complaints?"

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Yes, *Cracker* is back — same old lovable Robbie Coltrane, same slick production values and sadly the same Tarantino-like predilection for blood and gore. I am sure I will not be alone in regretting at least the last. "Treat people like scum and they start acting like scum," the terrifying Albie is fond of saying. Let's hope the same does not apply to television audiences.

But as ever with *Cracker*, there is much to admire. Barbara Flynn is the last word in long suffering as Judith, Fitz's very much better half. This three-part story, however, is held together by the chilling performance of Robert Carlyle as Albie who, until he discovers mass murder, is that curious social oxymoron, a man who can spell rottweiler yet chooses to read *The Guardian*.

Grotesquely upfront about violence, *Cracker* is unexpectedly coy about sex, but then given the amount Fitz drinks perhaps that's not surprising. Looking similarly coy, far more suprisingly, is the **The Good Sex Guide** (ITV, most regions) which returned for a second series. The "educational" argument that convinced the high street newsagents that video sex guides were a good thing, has clearly not worked on ITV programme schedulers. Somewhat constrained as a result, the makers of *The Good Sex Guide* have had to look elsewhere. "Good sex is not enough for most of us, we want luv as well," said Margi Clarke in her best, bed-side Liverpudlian.

She then rattled off statistics that suggested most of us didn't reckon much to good sex anyway. Less than one in five people reckon sex is crucial, four out of five say it is just the icing on the cake and two out of three said they would stay with a partner who refused to have sex ever again. Crisis time in the *Good Sex* production office? Not quite — just as it seemed a warm mug of cocoa might be more exciting, Clarke got out her sexual clickometer which — surprise, surprise — showed most of us were liars, at least when it came to thinking about sex.

Particularly revealing, I thought, was the hairdresser, who despite having reached a certain age, still notched up an impressive 65 mucky thoughts a day. It would have been far more when she was younger, she said: "You want it for breakfast, dinner and tea." Just like Michael Heseltine, then.

But the best part of the programme remains the sketches, which still attract celebrity casts. "I'm Chastity, bloody Chastity," complained Helena Bonham-Carter playing a Victorian young woman who vented bodily frustrations by vigrously riding out to hounds. "I've killed three," she said proudly. "Foxes?" "No, horses."

Over on BBC2 the return of **10x10**, a showcase for young film-makers, provided a clue as to why film-making is such an expensive business. Anna Negri's kitsch and sink drama, *All at Sea*, boasted no fewer than 30 technical credits, which works out at around 20 seconds a person. Good going, I expect, by Spielberg standards.

Still, the combined effort was far from wasted, with the story of Laura floating through a sea of superstitions on a king-sized brass bed, providing a colourful and gently amusing interlude in the evening schedules. And not a racist murder in sight.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (50343)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (34612169)

9.05 Kids' Kilroy. Young people discuss drugs (s) (9964411) **9.30 A Word in Your Ear** presented by Gordon Burns (42614)

10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1314506) **10.05 Conservatives Live** from the Bournemouth International Conference Centre. On the opening day of the Conservative Party conference, Jeremy Hanley makes his first speech as new party chairman. Includes at **11.00** and **12.00 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (38556633) **12.55pm Regional News** and weather (26344343)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (78188)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (89856188) **1.50 Turnabout.** Game show with Rob Curling (s) (93717166)

2.20 FILM: Diagnosis of Murder (1991) starring Dick Van Dyke as a doctor who turns amateur detective when his friend is accused of murder. With Ken Kercheval and Barry Van Dyke. Directed by Barry Steinberg. (Ceefax) (s) (4232053)

3.50 Chucklevision. (r) (2106633) **4.10 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (4414091) **4.15 Spacevets** (s) (9550879) **4.30 Fan TC** (Ceefax) (s) (9824430)

4.55 Newsround (6358614) **5.10 Grange Hill** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5263362)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (282017) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

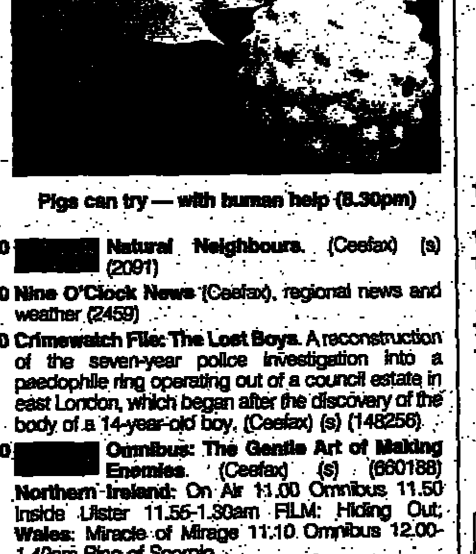
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (508)

6.30 Regional news magazines (188) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

7.00 Hi-de-Hi! Comedy series set in a holiday camp during the 1950s (1506) **Wales:** Six of One

7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (512)

8.00 NEW **A Question of Sport.** David Coleman, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham return to the sports quiz. Joining them tonight are Linford Christie, Chris Sutton, Alec Stewart and Karen Pickering. (Ceefax) (s) (3576)



Pigs can try — with human help (8.30pm)

8.30 Natural Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (2091)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2459)

9.30 Crimewatch File: The Lost Boys. A reconstruction of the seven-year police investigation into a paedophile ring operating out of a council estate in east London, which began after the discovery of the body of a 14-year-old boy. (Ceefax) (s) (148256)

10.20 Omnibus: The Gentle Art of Making Enemies. (Ceefax) (s) (660188) **Northern Ireland:** On Air 11.00 Omnibus 11.50 Inside Ulster 11.55-1.30am FILM: Hiding Out **Wales:** Miracle of Mirage 11.10 Omnibus 12.00-1.40am Ring of Scorpio

11.10 Ring of Scorpio. The conclusion of the two-part mini-series. (Ceefax) (224411)

12.50am Weather (7889960). Ends at **12.55**

2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Channel (95015). Ends at **3.15**

BBC2

7.15 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (6152140) **7.20 Bertha** (r) (6084411) **7.35 Smoggies** (r) (7963237)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (3725256)

8.15 Those Fabulous Clowns (5125169)

9.00 Daytime on Two: Educational programmes, plus, for children **10.00-10.25** Playdays (r) (s) **2.00** Christopher Crocodile (r) (44079614) **2.05** Spot (r) (44078985)

2.10 Conservatives Live. Coverage of the speech by Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary. Includes at **3.00**, **3.50 News** and weather (94478169)

5.30 All Our Lives. A look at how elderly women have begun to challenge the structures which keep them poor and isolated in old age (237)

6.00 All in the Mind presented by Alison Holloway (850)

6.30 Heartbreak High. Drama series set in a Sydney inner-city high school. (Ceefax) (621701)

7.15 Imagining America — Get Your Kicks on Route 66. A look at the people who call the legendary highway home (186817)

7.30 Raymond's Blanc Mange. The top chef discovers how the food we eat affects our bodies and well-being. (Ceefax) (s) (614)



Sarah Dunant and Tracey MacLeod (8.00pm)

8.00 The Booker Prize. Sarah Dunant and Tracey MacLeod present live coverage from London's Guildhall as the winner of the coveted prize for fiction is announced (661850)

8.50 Song for Rwanda: Another Country — Rwandan Stories. Ben Okri, former Booker Prize-winner, looks at leaders' betrayal of their people (903091)

9.00 Takin' Over the Asylum: You Always. Third episode of a six-part drama series set in a mental hospital. With Ken Stott and Katy Murphy. (Ceefax) (s) (889850)

9.50 The Black Body in the Bush: Another Country — Rwandan Stories. The poet and art historian Dave Dabydeen looks at the history of Africa as "the Heart of Darkness" (551053)

10.00 The Fast Show. Comedy sketches with Paul Whitehouse. (Ceefax) (s)(99968)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (997904)

11.15 The Late Show presented by Mark Lawson. Includes an interview with the winner of the 1994 Booker Prize (s) (489695)

11.55 Weather (200985)

12.00-1.25am FILM: Where Danger Lives (1950, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Maureen O'Sullivan. A doctor falls in love with a mysterious patient when she is brought to his hospital after a suicide attempt. Directed by John Farrow (8469305)

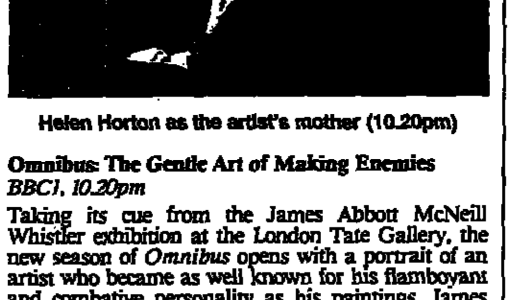
2.00-4.00 Night School: Geography Night 2 (78015)

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CHOICE

Natural Neighbours: Pigs Might Fly
BBC1, 8.30pm

If you regard the pig as an ugly lump of bacon that is only happy when it is rolling in mud, then think again. This misunderstood animal, the film claims, is one of the cleverest things on four legs. In Texas, a hog called Priscilla jumped into a lake and saved a boy from drowning. In New Jersey, a pot-bellied Vietnamese pig called Ferris E. Lucas helps the police to sniff out drugs. Because pigs are intelligent, they need stimulation. In Edinburgh, an animal scientist has devised a huge ball which, when pushed along the ground, releases food. Pigs are given the freedom of a football stadium to try it out. This sturdy exercise in pig PR launches a series on relationships between people and animals, narrated by Griff Rhys-Jones.



Helen Horton as the artist's mother (10.20pm)

Omnibus: The Gentle Art of Making Enemies
BBC1, 10.20pm

Taking its cue from the James Abbott McNeill Whistler exhibition at the London Tate Gallery, the new season of *Omnibus* opens with a portrait of an artist who became as well known for his flamboyant and combative personality as his paintings. James Runcie's film offers a number of approaches. There is straight biography, a dramatisation of Whistler's celebrated libel action against John Ruskin and an ingenious re-creation of key paintings as tableaux vivants. But Runcie's most illuminating stroke is to let five art critics, including Richard Cork of *The Times*, loose on the Whistler canon and wait for them to disagree. They need no encouragement. Visitors to the Tate could not wish for a better primer.

Network First: The Secrets of Porton Down
ITV, 10.40pm

Thanks to the Official Secrets Act Britain's chemical warfare programme, based on the government research station at Porton Down in Wiltshire, has been largely hidden from public scrutiny. Thanks to this dogged investigation by Callum Macrae, part of the veil is lifted and the revelations are disquieting. The film reveals how thousands of young volunteers unknowingly became guinea pigs in the testing of nerve and mustard gas. Porton was sold to the men as if it was a holiday camp. They were assured that the experiments, the nature of which was never revealed, would be harmless. But one man was dead within days and others tell of suffering decades of chronic ill-health for which they have had no compensation.

Alan Bleasdale Presents: Requiem Apache
Channel 4, 10.00pm

The second film in the series by writers new to television is about a former villain who is not allowed to put his past behind him. Alfred Molina's Hamish has settled down in rural Suffolk with his glamorous Swedish wife and baby daughter and his life of crime seems a universe away. Enter his old gang boss (Kenneth Cranham) with an offer he finds difficult to refuse, as a getaway driver on a bank raid. Thus outlined the plot is familiar, not to say banal, but Raymond Murtagh's script gives it new life. This is partly a matter of the stylised, cryptic, Pinteresque dialogue, which sometimes irritates but is more often funny and ironic, but also an ingenuity of plotting which repeatedly defies the expected. Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (4417904)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (9960695) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2828966)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (1396430)

10.35 This Morning. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the family magazine series (99474966) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) (1369256)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8253879)

12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (8261898) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (81426169)

1.55 Vanessa. Vanessa Feltz discusses a topic of interest to women (s) (75797735) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (53426188)

2.50 The Young Doctors (1732188) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (6101817) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6100188)

3.30 Giggiish Allsorts (s) (4928527) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (1792445) **3.50 The Raggy Dolls** (s) (4922343) **4.05 Cartoon** (r) (7887411) **4.15 Hurricanes** (s) (6686850)

4.40 NEW **Children's Ward.** (Teletext) (s) (4495966)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (9053169)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (624091)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (257661)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (904)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (256)

7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext)(9904)

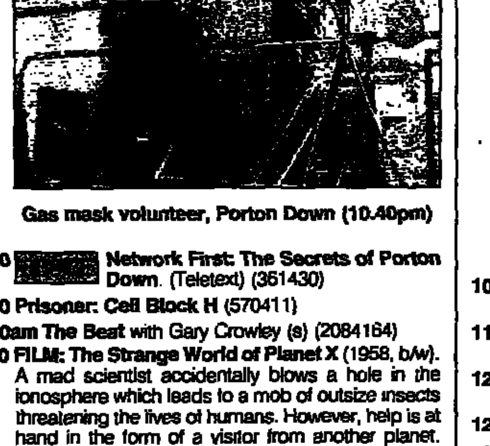
7.30 Everyday Lives: Chris Takes His Test. The second of a four-part documentary series looking at matters that are pertinent to the lives of those with disabilities. (Teletext) (140)

8.00 The Bill: Saving Face. Carver and Deakin lock horns over "Operation Cock-Up". (Teletext) (5324)

8.30 Strike It Lucky presented by Michael Barrymore. (Teletext) (s) (4459)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier: Second Sight. The lives and loves of the soldiers of the King's Own Fusiliers. Wilton and Marsha find themselves on the wrong side of the law. (Teletext) (s) (4782)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (22362) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (476546)



Gas mask volunteer, Porton Down (10.40pm)

10.40 Network First: The Secrets of Porton Down. (Teletext) (361430)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (570411)

12.40am The Beat with Gary Crowley (s) (2084164)

1.40 FILM: The Strange World of Planet X (1958, b/w). A mad scientist accidentally blows a hole in the ionosphere which leads to a mob of outsize insects threatening the lives of humans. However, help is at hand in the form of a visitor from another planet. Directed by Gilbert Gunn (5182034)

3.00 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94. (r) (91270)

3.30 America's Top Ten (s) (40183)

4.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (12657)

5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (64638)

5.30 ITN Morning News (54102). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Chicken Minute Cartoon series (r) (27966)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (51411)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show for couples, hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (49481)

9.30 Schools. Eureka! **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen **10.00** Fourways Farm **10.10** Maths Everywhere **10.25** How We Used to Live **10.48** Mathsbook **11.00** Science in Focus **11.22** Stage One **11.38** Schools at Work **11.45** First Edition (784614)

12.00 Profiles of Nature: The Marsh. The wildlife of the world's marshes (r) (29275)

12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning series (69508) **1.30 Trumpton.** Followed by **Little Brrm** (38411)

2.00 FILM: Custody (1987) starring Judith Stratford and Peter Browne. A made-for-television Australian drama about the breakdown of a marriage and the courtroom battle for the children that ensued. Directed by Ian Munro. (Teletext) (674695)

3.45 Heathcliff. Animated adventures (4938904)

4.00 Scotland's Larder. Derek Cooper continues his gastronomic tour of Scotland. (Teletext) (169)

4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (463)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are young children who think they are in love. (Teletext) (s) (5807072)

5.50 Terrytoons featuring Deputy Dawg (902594)

6.00 Batman. The dynamic duo meet Shame (Cliff Robertson), a man who wants to build a car that goes faster than the Batmobile. (Teletext) (546)

6.30 Gamesmaster. Computer games magazine presented by Dominik Diamond (s) (898)

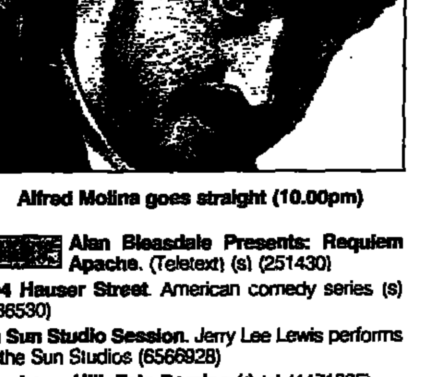
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (590492)

7.50 Belfast Lessons from students of Hazelwood College (789188)

8.00 Birds of the Burning Soda. A *Survival* documentary about the lesser flamingo of Africa's Great Rift Valley which thrives on the area's soda lakes (r). (Teletext) (3966)

8.30 Brookside. Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (s) (5701)

9.00 Wasted Windfall. The second of three programmes on 25 years of North Sea oil looks at how the election of Margaret Thatcher in 1979 led to a free-market approach to the oil industry. (Teletext) (s) (2324)



Alfred Molina goes straight (10.00pm)

10.00 Alan Bleasdale Presents: Requiem Apache. (Teletext) (s) (251430)

11.35 704 Hauser Street. American comedy series (s) (586530)

12.05am Sun Studio Session. Jerry Lee Lewis performs at the Sun Studios (6566928)

12.50 Blueberry Hill: Fats Domino (r) (s) (4471305)

1.45 World Tennis. Magazine series. Includes Pete Sampras in action in France (97473)

2.15-3.15 FILM: House of Mystery (1961, b/w) starring Ronald Hines and Colette Wilde. A tale of the supernatural about a young couple who meet a strange woman when they are buying a derelict house. Directed by Vernon Sewell (239251)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89844343) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (1732188) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9053169) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (740140) 7.30-8.00 Bodyworks (140) 12.35am Steptoe and Son Ride Again (870164) 2.25 The Little Picture Show (5572198) 3.20 ITV Chart Show (7544218) 4.15 Jobfinder (5146367) 5.00-5.30 About Britain (64638)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89844343) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (1732188) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9053169) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (740140) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (140) 11.40 The Equalizer (848324) 12.35am-12.40 Night Shift (7893183) 4.00 Jobfinder (7862034) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (9626183)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Home and Away (8261898) 1.25 Emmerdale (81426169) 1.55 Vanessa (89844343) 2.20 Mum's the Word (53418169) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (1792188) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (9053169) 6.25 Granada Tonight (740140) 7.00 Emmerdale (9904) 7.30-8.00 An American in...The Scrum (140) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (848324) 12.35am Steptoe and Son Ride Again (870164) 2.25 The Little Picture Show (5572198) 3.20 ITV Chart Show (7544218) 4.15 Jobfinder (5146367) 5.00-5.30 About Britain (64638)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.25 Travel Trails (53400140) 2.55-3.20 Shortland Street (7972091) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (9053169) 5.55 Home and Away (387481) 6.25-7.00 HTV News (740140) 7.30-8.00 Fair's Fair (140) 12.35am Steptoe and Son Ride Again (870164) 2.25 The Little Picture Show (5572198) 3.20 ITV Chart Show (7544218) 4.15 Jobfinder (5146367) 5.00-5.30 About Britain (64638)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (740140) 7.30-8.00 A Slice of Life (140)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89844343) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (1732188) 5.10 Home and Away (9053169) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (904) 6.30-7.00 What's My Line? (256) 7.30-8.00 Serve You Right (140) 10.30-10.40 Meridian News and Weather (476546) 5.00am-5.30 Freescreen (64638)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55-3.25 A Country Practice (89844343) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9053169) 5.55 Tyne Tees Today (773343) 6.30-7.00 Crosswits (256) 7.30-8.00 Married with Children (140) 10.30-10.40 Tyne Tees News and Weather (476546) 11.40 A Fighting Choice (473985) 1.20am The Little Picture Show (4703657) 2.20 Sport AM (6557909) 3.20 Marquee Anniversary: Alexis Korner and Friends (3643812) 4.20-5.30 Jobfinder (5831676)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.20pm Westcountry News (1378904) 12.25-12.30 My Story (1377275) 2.25 The Young Doctors (53400140) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry News; Weather (6100188) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9053169) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (56917) 7.30-8.00 Vet (140) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News; Weather (476546) 12.35am Steptoe and Son Ride Again (870164) 2.25 The Little Picture Show (5572198) 3.20 ITV Chart Show (7544218) 4.15 Jobfinder (5146367) 5.00-5.30 About Britain (64638)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (2828966) 12.20pm-12.30 Calendar News and Weather / Network North (1369256) 1.55-3.25 A Country Practice (89844343) 3.25-3.30 Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bradford: Network North (6100188) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9053169) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (773343) 6.30-7.00 Crosswits (256) 7.30-8.00 The World in Our Gardens (140) 10.30-10.40 Calendar News (476546) 11.40 A Fighting Choice (473985) 1.20am The Little Picture Show (4703657) 2.20 Sport AM (6557909) 3.20 Marquee Anniversary: Alexis Korner and Friends (3643812) 4.20-5.30 Jobfinder (5831676)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (51411) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (49481) 9.30 Yegorion (784614) 12.00pm Profiles of Nature: The Marsh (29275) 12.30 Slot Meithrin (39140) 1.00 Hullabaloo (61898) 1.30 The Garden Club (38411) 2.00 The Late Late Show (42275) 3.00 Simply the Best (2237) 3.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (4646445) 4.20 Mighty Mouse (7806648) 4.30 Happy Days (463) 5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5 (7782) 5.30 Fifteen To One (633) 6.00 Newyddion (407492) 6.20 Heno (763091) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (7645) 7.30 Glamocs (782) 8.00 Dal I Drol Massey Ferguson (3966) 8.30 Newyddion (5701) 9.00 The Nick (2324) 10.00 Brookside (20804) 10.30 Dim Tafod (81169) 11.30 Sting: Live in Oslo (84638)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (36994530) **8.40** Cartoons (8808121) **9.30** Card Sharks (8543508) **9.55** Concentration (9651527) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2207966) **10.30** New Candid Camera (47695) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (85492) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (61275) **12.30pm** E Street (71140) **1.00** Falcon Crest (76695) **2.00** Hart to Hart (60695) **3.00** Class of '96 (6407695) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (1765343) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3575) **6.00** Gamesworld (9940) **6.30** Spellbound (1492) **7.00** E Street (1904) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9184) **8.00** Manhunter (17332) **9.00** Due South (24256) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (27343) **11.00** David Letterman (773546) **11.45** Battlestar Galactica (658492) **12.45am** Barney Miller (17251) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (14164)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1345237) **9.30** Fashion TV (75966) **10.30** Nightline (45237) **1.30pm** CBS This Morning (78053) **2.30** Those Were the Days (7053) **3.30** David Frost (8898) **5.00** Littlejohn (87701) **9.30** Target (99546) **11.30** CBS News (56492) **12.30am** ABC World News (42898) **1.10** Littlejohn (1167305) **2.10** Newswatch (6451454) **2.30** Those Were the Days (99473) **3.30** David Frost (80743) **4.30** CBS News (81960) **5.30-6.00** ABC World News (70164)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2733904) **10.00** 1994 Baker Street: Sherlock Holmes Returns (1993): Crime adventure (82256) **12.00** The Prisoner of Zenda (1979): Comedy (74895) **2.00pm** A Boy Named Charlie Brown (1969): Animation (18695) **4.00** Once Upon a Dead Man (1971) (36277508) **5.50** 1994 Baker Street: Sherlock Holmes Returns (As 10am) (56930527) **7.30** Close-Up: Forever Young (5072) **8.00** Honeymoon in Vegas (1992) (33604) **10.00** Death Ring (1991): Drama (888508) **11.35** Honour Thy Father and Mother: The Menendez Killings (1994) True story (755628) **1.10am** Rage and Honor (1992): Martial arts thriller **2.40** Deadly Relations (1992): Drama (8538638) **4.10-6.00** The Prisoner of Zenda (As noon) (207522)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Sundowners (1960): Australian saga (84380546) **8.10** Bus Stop (1956): Comedy (40230) **9.50-12.00** The Deep (1977): Underwater drama (92134701)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Fifth Avenue Girl (1939): Comedy of manners (14782) **8.00** The Magic Riddle (1991): Animated tale (82675) **10.00** The Beast of Hollow Mountain (1956): Western/sci-fi adventure (80698) **12.00** The Ex-Mrs Bradford (1936): Murder mystery (65140) **2.00pm** Cobra Woman (1944) Kitsch classic (2558879) **3.15** Treasure Island: Animated version (6402140) **4.05** The Magic Riddle (As 8am) (35307492) **6.00** Of Mice and Men (1992): Drama (29701) **8.00** T Bone 'n' Weasel (1992): Comedy adventure (31546) **10.00** Love Crimes (1992): Crime drama (679850) **11.35** A Taste for Killing (1992): Murder mystery (345917) **1.05am** Jersey Girl (1993): Romance (389015) **2.40** The Babysitter (1980): Thriller (990724) **4.20-5.50** T Bone 'n' Weasel (As 8pm) (825893)

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SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (6839701) **7.15** WWF Mania (231614) **8.15** Soccer News (2677530) **8.30** Fishing the West (50256) **9.00** Windsurfing Tour (41508) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (60121) **10.00** European PGA Golf (80965) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (54072) **12.30pm** Football (74492) **2.30** One to One (3879) **3.00** Powerboat World (19850) **4.00** Surfing (38985) **5.00** WWF Superstars (9879) **6.00** Soccer News (143817) **6.15** Sports Classics (131072) **6.30** Grass Roots Rugby (9188) **7.00** Boots 'n' All (82430) **8.00** Ringside Boxing (59965) **10.00** Soccer News (620782) **10.15** The Footballer's Football Show (479072) **11.15** Grass Roots Rugby (602053) **11.45-12.45am** Motorcycling (474527)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Step Aerobics (45324) **9.00** Eurogolf Magazine (79275) **10.00** Dancing (36140) **11.00** Aerobics (58904) **12.00** Football (20140) **1.30pm** Football (74614) **3.30** Tractor Pulling (31324) **4.30** Rally Raid (1411) **5.00** Speedworld (7275) **6.00** Football (60256) **7.30** Eurosport News (2140) **8.00** Eurotennis (73546) **9.00** Champions Forever (53782) **10.00** Boxing (63169) **11.00** Snooker (84558) **1.00-1.30am** Eurosport News (55588)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Travel Destinations (5848527) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (5005898) **1.00** Golf in Paradise (5282148) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (5004169) **2.00** American Adventurer (5375140) **2.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (5397904) **3.00** Travel — Canary Islands (5394275) **3.30** Mansions (5389121) **4.00** Golf in Paradise (6388256) **4.30** Kids Down Under (6377140) **5.00** Hawaii Cooks (5386492) **5.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (6368492) **6.00** Canary Islands (6398633) **6.30** American Adventurer (6399985) **7.00** Travel Destinations (5386256) **7.30** Around the World (6365169) **8.00** Travel Guide (4326701) **9.00** Ticket to Paradise (9724275) **9.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (5018362) **10.00** Roads to Freedom (5848256) **10.30** Travel Destinations (5858904) **11.00** Hawaii Cooks (9798492) **11.30-12.00** Mansions (8006140)



Marilyn Monroe in Bus Stop (Sky Movies Gold, 8.10pm)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (5836140) **8.30** Peyton Place (5837411) **9.00** As the World Turns (2025430) **10.00** Guiding Light (3262968) **11.00-12.30pm** Another World (8800904)

TLC
9.00am Craftwise (7322237) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (1475140) **10.00** Parents Talking (4863898) **10.30** A Double Standard (1373696) **11.30** Discovering Psychology (5875508) **12.00** Magic or Medicine (1498091) **1.00pm** Cooking with Kurma (5373091) **1.30** Craftwise (1495527) **2.00** Who Cares Wins (1752508) **2.30** Divorcing Daddy (6853350) **3.00** Mushroom Magic (1764343) **3.30-4.00** Furniture to Go (7308445)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (8552879) **7.30** Neighbours (8564614) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9002256) **8.30** EastEnders (9001527) **9.00** The Bill (9092879) **9.30** The Chinese Detective (5706782) **10.30** Big Deal (88390508) **11.35** The Sullivans (19075072) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9005343) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1320188) **1.00** EastEnders (8544850) **1.30** The Bill (1329456) **2.00** Potter (8115053) **2.30** Reginald Perrin (9945237) **3.00** Knots Landing (3033188) **4.00** Dynasty (3012695) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2366411) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (4224169) **5.55** Terry And June (6268072) **6.30** EastEnders (9960546) **7.00** Reginald Perrin (8126169) **7.30** George and Mildred (9959430) **8.00** Rose (8135817) **8.30** Potter (8114324) **9.00** The Sweeney (6229275) **10.00** The Bill (9006072) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1380508) **11.10** Naked Video (8271558) **11.40** Dr Who (7185275) **12.10am** Bergerac (6428247) **2.05-3.00** Shopping (3483251)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (4078633) **6.15** Teddy Ruxpin (284546) **6.45** Casper (283817) **7.15** Head to Head in 3D (6283188) **7.25** Garfield (1096053) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (5198679) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (2013492) **8.40** Tifou (8210091) **8.50** Cocconel (8216275) **9.00** Its Droibee Time (15459) **10.00** Teddy Trucks (56091) **11.00** Kitty Cats (89633) **11.30** Barney (80362) **12.00** Ratkan III (98430) **12.30pm** Head to Head in 3D (16961633) **12.40** Garfield (4248072) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (14281614) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (54416614) **1.50** Tifou (54412898) **2.00** Babar (3546) **2.30** Twinkle the Dream Being (5879) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (3149782) **3.10** Around the World in Eighty Seconds (5585782) **3.45** The Bots Master (896430) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1030817) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (8343)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Toons (31695) **7.30** Grimmy (3451614) **7.45** Rugrats (647091) **8.15** Rocko (4477512) **8.30** Ghostbusters (58898) **9.00** Nick Jr (725256) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (52614) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (79879) **1.00** Doug (30966) **1.30** Chipmunks (61850) **2.00** Denver (7102) **2.30** Smoggies (4121) **3.00** Ghostbusters (6169) **3.30** Carmen Sandiego (6966) **4.00** Grimmy (8701) **4.30** Rugrats (4985) **5.00** Clarissa (1614) **5.30** Doug (5237) **6.00** Guts (5850) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (9430)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (9967459) **4.30** Waterways (9956343) **5.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8137275) **5.30** The New Explorers (9947695) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (1396121) **7.00** Pacifica (8117411) **7.30** Terra X (9957072) **8.00** Connections 2 (8133459) **8.30** From the Horse's Mouth (8112966) **9.00** Wings of the Red Star (5227817) **10.00** Discovery Journal (6220904) **11.00-12.00** The Sexual Imperative (8569169)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM The Malpas Mystery (1960) (1327091) **1.00pm** Short (83737256) **1.15** The Six-Sided Triangle (8292072) **2.00** thirtysomething (3361324) **3.00** My Three Sons (8129256) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (9935850) **4.00** FILM Simon and Laura (1955): Comedy (8123072) **6.00** The Green Hornet (9964362) **6.30** The Time Tunnel (6957782) **7.30** Honey West (9951898) **8.00** thirtysomething (6201879) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3036275) **9.30** FILM: Age of Innocence (1977) (3542904) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (3368879)

UK LIVING
6.00am Best of Anne and Nick (9583527) **8.00** Go for It (7927782) **8.30** The Truth about Women (7926053) **9.00** Spain on a Plate (7038324) **9.35** Definition (4234904) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4858966) **10.30** Susan Powter (7946817) **11.00** Young and Restless (3841256) **11.55** Calendar Fashion Show (2380546) **12.30pm** Practical Living (34064169) **12.45** Best of Kilroy (4610188) **1.30** Home Show (1470895) **2.00** Agony Hour (4859695) **3.00** Living Magazine (1780625) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (46071695) **4.00** Infatuation (6053558) **4.30** Definition (57476430) **4.55** Cookery Course (3509053) **5.30** Kate and Allie (6158102) **6.00** Susan Powter (3909625) **6.30** Musiquest (5603017) **7.00** Living Magazine (4426275) **8.00** Young and Restless (4402695) **9.00** FILM: Split Image (1982) (73290650) **11.05** Infatuation UK (9499188) **11.35-12.00** Maternal World (9913237)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (4698) **5.30** Boogies Diner (9695) **6.00** Black Beauty (6508) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (3148) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (7362) **7.30** The Mighty Jungle (9072) **8.00** The Darling Buds of May (97140) **9.00** Moonlighting (17904) **10.00** Catchphrase (90689) **10.30** GP (82879) **11.00** Lou Grant (24492) **12.00** Rhoda (64541) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (28251) **1.00** Family Catchphrase (71541) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (15473) **2.00** Moonlighting (79367) **3.00** Lou Grant (93096) **4.00** Rhoda (30831) **4.30-5.00** The Mighty Jungle (92034)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wildside (57237) **7.30** The Grind (36237) **8.00** Awake on the Wildside (35633) **9.00** VJ Ingo (369614) **12.00** Soul (27430) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (20850) **2.00** Afternoon Mix (401879) **4.30** The Report (2093661) **4.45** Cinematic (7043166) **5.00** News at Night (7268904) **5.15** 3 From 1 (4679324) **5.30** Dial (1053) **6.00** Music Non-stop (55558) **7.30** Sports (1430) **8.00** Greatest Hits (71558) **9.00** Most Wanted (79256) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (84237) **11.00** The Report (410140) **11.15** Cinematic (433081) **11.30** News (494237) **11.45** 3 from 1 (482492) **12.00** The End? Featuring the Brothers Grunt (80638) **2.00am** Soul (71725) **3.00** The Grind (93763) **3.30-6.00** Night Videos (868305)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (6812689) **9.00** Cale (1829817) **12.00** The Bridge (6755275) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (6894343) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8110633) **3.30** Into the Music (7208140) **6.00** Prime Cuts (5015275) **7.00** For You (4319411) **8.00** Rock (4335459) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4315695) **10.00** The Bridge (2038904) **11.30** Today's Top 5 (8015898) **12.00** The Nightfly (5347831) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (1692947) **3.00** Rock (6890980) **4.00** Ten of the Best (8174305) **5.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol (8831386)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (65237) **7.00** Asian Morning (94492) **8.30** Bunyaad (81140) **9.00** Movie (354782) **12.00** Serial Nagar Pane Roop Nagar (92256) **12.30pm** Serial (33091) **1.00** Hindi Movie (276430) **4.00** Kiddie Time (6985) **4.30-6.00** TVA and You (79430) **7.00** Serial (1850) **7.00** India Show (60072) **8.00** English News (7898) **8.30** Des Pardes (9633) **9.00** Bollywood Plus (254111) **9.30** Pakistani Movie (242053) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (613831) **1.35** Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Place Your Bets
7.00pm Silver River (1948) Western (43976275) **9.05 Honky Tonk** (1941) Romance (97104121) **11.05 Wyoming Kid** (1947): Romance (43377560) **1.00am Inside Straight** (1951) (67733034) **2.40-4.00 Frisco Kid** (1935) Romance (95570034)
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England coach keeps guessing game going as pressure increases

Venables waits to unleash Le Tissier

By Andrew Longmore

MARTIN BEDDALL



The injured Gascoigne looks on forlornly yesterday as the England football squad prepares for the international match against Romania at Wembley tomorrow

TERRY Venables did nothing to end the waiting game after a gentle kickabout in the Bisham sunshine yesterday. Matthew Le Tissier might play, but then he might not. "Keep your fingers crossed," the England football coach said — whatever that was supposed to mean. "But I'm not saying he's playing," he added, just in case the press had misread the tea-leaves. The chances are he will.

Little could be read into the England training session at least, bar sorting out aches and pains from the weekend. Paul Gascoigne, whose creative role Le Tissier should inherit in the short term, looked on forlornly, like a schoolboy waiting to be picked for the playground team.

Robert Lee, the likely replacement for the injured Platt, did not take part, though Venables seemed sure the Newcastle United man would be fit to make his first appearance against Romania on Wednesday. If John Barnes and Le Tissier play as well, he will need to be fit. Le Tissier did not strain himself, either, thumping a shot against the post with a lazy swing of the right boot and producing a typically casual backheel just as a reminder to Venables and his sidekicks, Don Howe and Bryan Robson, that he will not be overawed. "He's been in every squad I've picked," Venables said, defensively. "He's very close."

There must be a reason for all the cloak-and-dagger stuff, but it is hard to figure out exactly what it is. Romania promise to provide the toughest test so far for the new regime, but for all the ability of Hagi, Dumitrescu and Raducioiu, they will not be in the freshest state of mind after a tough European championship qualifying match against France on Saturday.

Nor is Le Tissier a callow youth, petrified at the prospect of making his first international start and therefore in need of protection from the media. He is 26 on Friday, captains his club, Southampton, and, without resorting as yet to buzzing an England training session in a Tiger Moth, seems to enjoy the same relaxed attitude to life, work and his own brilliance as David Gower, another adopted son of Hampshire.

In the absence of Platt, Anderton and now Beardsley, this surely is the ideal moment for the grand entrance, not least because Venables cannot lose by picking him. If Le Tissier has a blinder, he stays in the team. If he goes absent without leave on the night, which he is prone to do, the suspicions about his temperament are heightened and Venables's hesitation is vindicated. Instead, the prevarication is in danger of building Le Tissier into a *cause célèbre* in the manner of a long line of unfulfilled strolling geniuses — Alan Hudson, Tony Currie, Rodney Marsh and Glenn Hoddle — who all became the choices of the people. Venables, the people's manager, is anxious not to be beaten with the same stick.

"I don't resist playing someone just for the sake of it," he said. "I won't play people if I don't think it's right and I will play them when I do think it's right. I like to be professional, to play with flair but without losing common sense." It was better to find out now, he added, not in the European championship finals in 18 months, where the weaknesses in the shape of the team lie. Barnes and Le Tissier together, for example? "There's only one way to find out."

Both the England coach's main messages were directed at the Wembley crowd, one bluntly, the other obliquely. First, he said, supporters should treat the opposition with respect before kick-off, not greet their national anthem with a chorus of boos. "The eyes of the world will be on us in 18 months and we don't want to be seen to be behaving in this fashion," he said. "I just wonder if youngsters think this is the thing to do. I can tell them it is not. It's an insult. They should wait for the whistle to blow and get behind their own team."

The second, more veiled, warning was that the crowd, which estimates suggest will be about 50,000, would need to be as patient as the England team in the face of one of the smartest counter-attacking teams in the world.

"They were arguably the best team in the World Cup at defending heavily and using that as a springboard for attack," Venables said. "They are an excellent team, very skilled at playing through and around you to get at your back four. If we don't defend well when we're attacking, we'll have to take the consequences. You can't give them an inch because they will hurt you badly."

Venables will put everyone out of their misery by announcing his team today. It will be a surprise if Le Tissier, from Guernsey, does not join Le Saux, from Jersey, in the starting line-up. If so, the rejoicing will not be confined to the Channel Islands. Keep your fingers crossed.

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Charlton rewards Bonner by appointing him captain

By Our Sports Staff

PAT Bonner, the reserve Celtic goalkeeper, was yesterday named captain of Ireland. He will lead his country for the first time in the European championship group six qualifying match against Liechtenstein in Dublin tomorrow.

Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, has extended Bonner's record collection of 77 caps in rewarding him with the captaincy for what he considers a long and distinguished career.

"I am thrilled. It's a great honour and a privilege for me," Bonner, 34, said. "I am only playing because Alan Kelly is unfortunately injured. After the highs of World Cup finals, I thought those days were over, but this has given me a great lift."

Bonner has played only 45 minutes for the Celtic first-team, in a pre-season friendly against Blackburn Rovers. He has had to be content with a place on the substitutes' bench, with Gordon Marshall playing as the present Celtic No 1. "But I have played about six reserve-team games and have felt great in training," Bonner added. "I won't be worried about winning my 78th cap in these circumstances."

Charlton will not name his side until after training tomorrow, but is certain to have Niall Quinn, the Manchester City striker, leading the attack. Quinn was given the all-clear by Brian Horton, the City manager, to link up with the Irish squad after receiving treatment on a neck injury. John Sheridan, Sheffield Wednesday captain, will start in midfield, while Paul McGrath and Phil Babb are the likely central defensive partnership.

Charlton will not personally be present at the match. He intends to watch the match between his group rivals, Austria and Northern Ireland, in Vienna. "It's important I have another look at Northern Ireland before we play them in Belfast on November 16," Charlton said.

"We've never had a silly result and it's unlikely to happen against Liechtenstein. We have good players and they are in good shape. If my side play as well as they did in their 3-0 victory away to Latvia last month, we should be able to complete the job."

Schofield pulled up short of Great Britain goal

By Christopher Irvine

THE door was not closed on him entirely, but the omission yesterday of Garry Schofield for the opening rugby league international against Australia has probably curtailed one of the most distinguished Great Britain playing careers, two games short of Mick Sullivan's record of 46 appearances for his country.

Beating this and Australia in a series, Schofield's two most cherished ambitions, will almost certainly elude him now. In dropping the Leeds stand-off half for the match at Wembley on Saturday week, and handing the captaincy to Shaun Edwards, Ellery Hanley, the Britain coach, caused more of a stir in the Australia camp. "It's like us axeing Mal Meninga because he's getting on a bit," one Australian journalist said.

For all that he has been a thorn in Australian sides for a decade, Schofield, 29, has been out-of-sorts this season. Form being no respecter of reputation, Hanley has acted swiftly. The pair have had to patch up their differences several times, and it is ironic that Schofield, who stepped in as captain when Hanley was injured on the 1992 Australia tour, should be removed by his predecessor.

PARTY

D Betts (Wigan), P Broadbent (Sheffield), M Cassidy (Wigan), P Clarke (Wigan), G Connolly (Wigan), J Davies (Warrington), S Edwards (Wigan, captain), K Fairbank (Bradford), A Farrell (Wigan), B Goulding (St Helens), K Harrison (Halifax), H Howard (Leeds), A Hunte (St Helens), L Jackson (Sheffield), C Joynt (St Helens), B McDermott (Wigan), P Newlove (Bradford), M Offiah (Wigan), D Powell (Sheffield), J Robinson (Wigan), K Skerrett (Wigan).

Hanley, no great lover of sentiment, was suitably blunt. "He has the opportunity to prove himself just like any other player in the squad. There are three internationals and players will still be considered for the second match."

With Schofield not entirely certain of his own position at Leeds, where Hanley is player-coach, the chance of him forcing his way back may depend more on how his replacement at stand-off performs. There are several options, including Edwards himself, but the new captain will push to remain at scrum half.

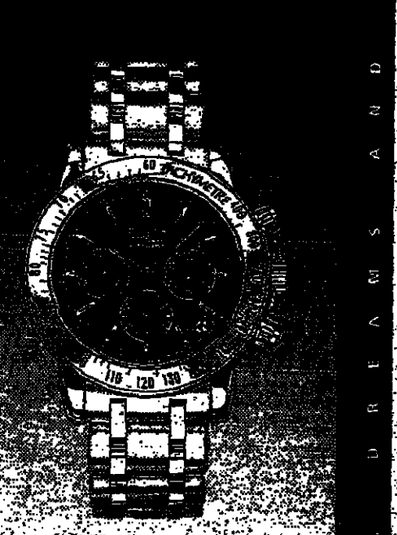
As one of the world's best in the position, it would seem folly to shift him against his will, despite the competition from Bobby Goulding. "I moved to stand-off in the World Cup final in 1992 as a favour because of injuries we had, and I haven't played there since," Edwards, who has captained Britain twice previously in 34 appearances, said. With Jonathan Davies earmarked as full back, the half-back role alongside Edwards could go to Daryl Powell, of Sheffield Eagles.

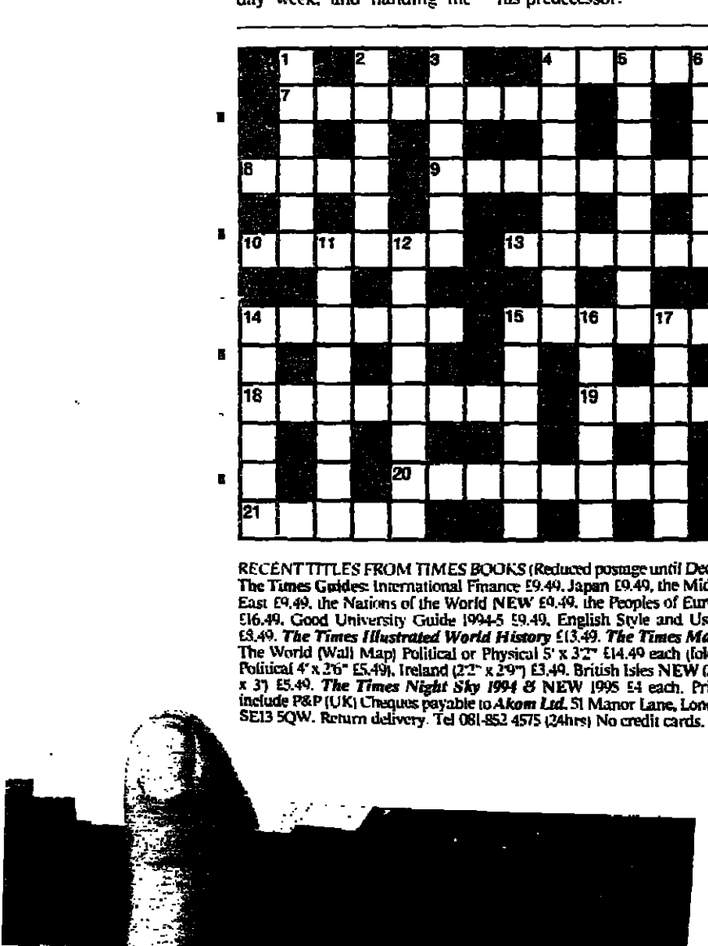
Hanley said of Edwards: "He is very single-minded. He's got the will to win and will put his body on the line."

The uncapped Paul Broadbent, of Sheffield, could claim a place at prop forward after being drafted into a revised 20-strong squad, with confirmation yesterday that Kelvin Skerrett's broken thumb will keep him out for two to three weeks.



Edwards: new captain

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ACROSS

4 Rise when browned (of toast) (3,2)
7 All one can eat (4,4)
8 Lean; joust (4)
9 Notorious (8)
10 Type of curtain, net, pin (6)
13 Younger (6)
14 Rather rough (sea) (6)
15 One-room accommodation (6)
18 Pass (car) (8)
19 Handful of grass, feathers (4)
20 To be retained (3,5)
21 Ledge (5)

DOWN

1 Lady that Tom peeped at (6)
2 Foam with anger (6)
3 Crude representation (of hated person) (6)
4 Delight (8)
5 Intrusive old fool killed by *Hamlet* (8)
6 Ship's chief steward (6)
11 Miss Dombey; Italian city (8)
12 Sheriff's officer (8)
14 Body of singers (6)
15 Opens frame; snaps (6)
16 Vacillate (6)
17 Soak to extract flavour; imbue (6)

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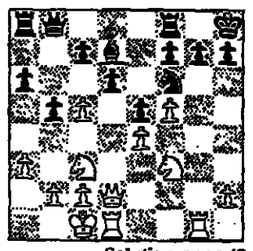
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Hartston - Richardson, Westergate 1983. The book, Attack with Mikhail Tal, features the position below, but with the black h-pawn on h6 instead of h7. The authors suggest that Black would have better chances if the pawn were on h7, thus reaching the diagram below. Is this assessment valid? White to play.



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

KURGAN
a. An instrument of torture
b. A sepulchral barrow
c. A measurement of acidity

KVETCH
a. A Kazakstan dialect
b. An anticlockwise creeper
c. To complain

KWASHIORKOR
a. A nutritional disease
b. Silicate of potash
c. A South American buzzard

VIRGER
a. St Paul's Cathedral verger
b. New Zealand sheep-shearer
c. An unmarried Innuit

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